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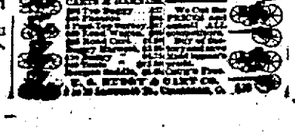
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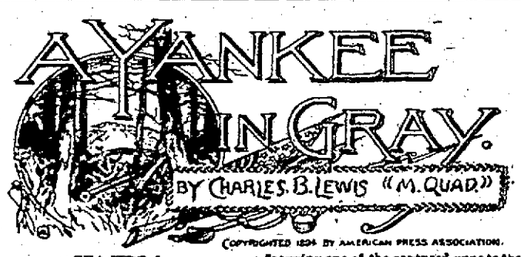

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CHAPTER I.

The day and date is the 21st of July, 1861.

The scene is the battleground of first Bull Run, a field made memorable forever.

From daybreak to high noon the Federal army under McDowell has been moving down on the Confederate position selected weeks ago by the generals old in the strategy of war. On the flanks brigades have grappled in the open fields, regiments have dashed at each other in the forests and thickets. Here a little ground has been gained, there a little lost. It has been the skirmishing which precedes every battle, locating the enemy, testing his readiness, drawing his strength and uncovering his designs.

The hour is high noon. The Confederate front has been pressed back, the left wing shattered. Men looking down on the battlefield from the hills of Centerville have every movement in plain view. At 12 o'clock the battle is won for the Federals. Bee, Barstow and Evans, who have held the Confederate center, have been beaten back by Burnside, Sykes and Porter. They give way slowly and grudgingly, fighting as they break back, and they are trying to rally, when there is a clatter of hoofbeats being fixed to muskets, and a thousand men rush forward at the double quick. It is the New York Twenty-seventh, and Colonel Slocum leads it, the first bayonet charge of the war—"Forward! Forward!" And the wedge drives into the Confederate center and rolls the fragments right and left.

The cheering is heard a mile away above the noise of battle. The Federal center moves forward to pursue the shattered enemy, and couriers ride away with the news. "We have pierced the Confederate center and won the day!"

Behind the flying Confederates is a plateau of 300 acres, comprising two or three farms. There are two or three farmhouses, orchards, meadows, thickets of pine, barren fields. Here is Stonewall Jackson with 5,000 men in reserve. The fragments of brigades, regiments and companies are hurried back to the slopes of this plateau to be rallied and reformed behind the reserves. Couriers ride away to Beauregard to ask for more artillery, infantry and cavalry, and while the Federals pause to replenish their cartridge boxes and gird up their loins for a last struggle 5,000 fresh Confederates are hurrying forward to the plateau.

Noon becomes 1 o'clock. The skirmishers are at work all along the front of the plateau, but there is no fighting.

Another hour slips away. The Federals have waited too long. At noon they could have carried the position with a rush. At 1 o'clock they would have met with stubborn resistance, but victory would have perched on their banners. Now as the Federals are ready to move the Confederate 5,000 have become 10,000, and their 10 pieces of artillery have become 20.

A majority of the troops are fresh and their nerves unshaken, and all are ready for the grapple.

Thirteen thousand Federals move against the plateau at different points almost as one man, and the battle opens with a great crash. Under General Jackson's immediate orders are five or six regiments. On the right of his line is a Virginia regiment. On the right of that regiment is a company from the Shenandoah valley. They have not been in action yet. As the Federals move up to the attack Rickett's Federal battery, supported by a Minnesota regiment, are in front of Jackson's men. The battery is wheeling into position, when the Virginia regiment is ordered to charge it. With a wild cheer, the command dashes forward, but to meet with such a withering volley from the western men that it falls back in confusion. Let us follow the company on the right. As it falls back its captain is left lying on the field. The first lieutenant should be in command, but neither he nor his fellow officer seeks to rally the disorganized men. The company is breaking back in a mob right under Jackson's eyes, when a private seizes the flag from the panic stricken color bearer and shouts:

"Halt, men, halt! Those who are not cowards will follow me!"

It was too late to rally the company as a whole. It was breaking back on the regiment, headed by its two lieutenants, but at the call to rally about 30 of the men turned and raised a cheer and followed the flag. The sight of the flag and the echo of the cheers put heart into the beaten regiment. Something like order came out of confusion, and a moment later two-thirds of the regiment were fighting over the guns. The other regiments of the brigade moved up, and they came just in time. The First Michigan and Fourteenth New York were charging up to support the Minnesota men and save the guns.

And now for the space of a quarter of an hour 5,000 men fought with bayonet, with clubbed muskets, with whatever weapon they could wound or kill. It was the fight of a mob. It was a mob which went circling round and round the battery long ago disabled by the killing of all its horses. The Thirty-eighth New York, followed by a portion of the Fire Zouaves, went forward yelling and cheering, but they came too late to save all the guns. The Confederates held the ground and retained three of the pieces. As Jackson rides forward the company from the Shenandoah valley is dragging one of the captured guns to the rear.

"Halt, men, halt! Those who are not cowards will follow me!"

"Who commands this company?" asked the general, looking in vain for a commissioned officer.

The men halted and stared at him, but no one replied.

"Where is your captain? Where are your lieutenants?" he demanded.

"Can't tell yo', general," answered a private who was bareheaded and coatless, "but the boss we are workin under jest now is that ar' Yankee with the flag!"

Jackson was about to speak further when an aid delivered an order, and he rode hurriedly away. There is no more fighting on this front. To the right and left the Federals charge again and again, but always to be beaten back. Did they number twice as many they could not dislodge the Confederates from the plateau. Nature made it for the key of a battlefield.

It is 3 o'clock, and the fight still rages fiercely. It is 4 o'clock, and the Federals are still battering at the slopes of the plateau. Half an hour later the volleys of musketry suddenly increase in volume, the artillery redoubles its fire, there is wild cheering all along the Confederate front. Johnston's troops have come up from the valley. He throws them into the battle, and the Federals are driven back. The Confederates push forward in pursuit, and the troops who were giving way slowly and retiring in good order suddenly become panic stricken.

An army panic is like unto nothing else in its foolishness, in its madness, in that feeling of terror which makes servile cowards of brave men for a few hours. In 30 minutes from the first wild shouts of alarm the highways leading back to Centerville were choked with the shattered, disorganized and fleeing Federal commands. Here and there feeble attempts were made to check the terrified mob, but each effort only increased the panic.

What were they fleeing from? Death? If so, almost every man of them had faced death for hours at the day without flinching. They faced it now, as terrified men discharged their muskets and threw them into the ditches, as remnants of cavalry commands dashed into the mass, as fieldpieces and limbers and caissons, drawn by horses which seemed to have caught the spirit of terror, turned in from the fields at a mad gallop and rode down every obstruction. Men flee like shadows from a plague, but they know from what they flee.

Rushing into the highways, fighting each other as they struggled to reach the van, stumbling, falling, a chill of fear upon every heart, the army which had fought so well and long streamed into the hamlet of Centerville. There was no pursuit. There wasn't a brigade in the Confederate army in condition to pursue, nor was the extent of the Federal disaster known to Confederate officers. Here was a strong position, and here it was that troops who had not been in action were formed across the highway leading to Washington to check the panic stricken thousands. Mounted officers rode into the mob and shouted commands and appeals. The panting fugitives paused for a moment, but it was not to listen, not to obey, not to feel ashamed of their silly fears. It was to draw a long breath and then dash at the wall of glistening bayonets. The wall menaced them, the bayonets pointed at their breasts, but with one mighty surge the living wave dissolved the wall, buried it down, flung the fragments to right and left, and the stream of humanity poured on over the hill and flowed the faster for its temporary check. It could not be checked again until it reached the Potomac.

CHAPTER II.

Let us go back a few weeks and connect the chain of events.

The thunder of a hundred guns had been let loose at Charleston, and the south was rushing to arms. One who has not witnessed the beginning of war cannot comprehend the insanity of excitement which accompanies the passage of each fateful day. We of the north were delaying, hoping, trying to make ourselves believe that war would be averted, though no one could tell how. While we were delaying the south was acting. No man in any southern community dared talk of peace. While the north raised regiments the south put brigades into camp and planned a campaign. While the north waited the south possessed itself of fort after fort. The streets of every city echoed the tread of marching men; every village was aroused by the music of the fife and drum. That generation knew nothing of war. Men looked upon the waving flags and rippling banners, the marching volunteers and the holiday attire and said to each other:

"Then this is war? Men who have written of war have deceived us. There is no suffering, no wounded, no dead. Let us also join in the march."

But historians had not deceived them. They were deceiving themselves. The beginning of war is merriment and feast. The end is marked by thousands of marble headstones bearing the single word "Unknown"—those and crape and tears and desolation. It is 4 o'clock in the afternoon of one of those never to be forgotten spring days of 1861, remembered now only by gray haired men and women. The scene is the ancient town of Winchester, in the beautiful Shenandoah valley, the garden spot of the Old Dominion. Under cover of a wooden awning sheltering the front of the old store and postoffice two men are seated at a table borrowed somewhere for the occasion. One of them wears the uniform of a militia captain; the other is in citizen's dress and has a list of names on a paper before him. Hear what the captain is saying to the men crowding up until they stand six or eight deep before him.

"We want 60 more men to fill up this company. Within a week we shall be ordered to the front. We want only young men and good men. Now, then, you all who want to go to war and see some fun put your names down on this paper. You, there, Steve Brayton, step up and sign!"

"How long shall we 'uns be gone, captain?"

"I reckon on 60 days."

"Then I'll put down."

"And I!"

"And I!"

"Say, captain," called a young farmer from the rear rank of the crowd, "can't yo' make the time 30 days? The old man's feelin porely this spring, and he can't do no farm work. I'd like to go along with yo' all, but I can't spare over 30 days. Make it 30 days, and I'll put down."

"I don't like to say 30," replied the captain as he stood up to look over the crowd. "You see, we've got to get there, wherever it is, and then we've got to have a fight or two and march around, and I should reckon on 60 days anyhow. Better come along. You never did have so much chance to see fun in all your life before."

"Wal, I reckon 10 or 20 days won't make no great difference anyhow," said the man. And he pushed forward to add his name to the list.

Directly opposite two men sat looking out of a second story window. They were in the law office of Justin Williams, a lifelong citizen of the town and a lawyer of repute. He was a man of 55, but carried his age lightly. The other was a young man of 24, well built and having a plain but kindly face. He was Royal Kenton of Rhode Island, a graduate of law at a prominent university and the junior partner of the law firm of Williams & Kenton. They were uncle and nephew. Kenton had come down about 18 months before. As the relative and partner of a prominent citizen he was treated with courtesy. As a Yankee, fresh from Yankeeland, he was a subject of criticism, and there was little heart in the hospitality accorded him. There could not have been. He represented principles antagonistic to the south. There was no neutral ground in those days. A man represented not himself, but his section of country. The opinions of his section were considered to be his. A southerner at the north would have been looked upon through the same eyes and held responsible to the same extent. Men liked him as a man, but they detested him as a Yankee.

"Well, I am sorry this trouble has fallen upon the country," said the old lawyer as they watched the crowd opposite. "I have long felt that it must come sooner or later, but I hoped it would not be in my day. Nothing can now prevent war."

"But everybody appears to think it will end almost as soon as begun," replied Kenton.

"They do not stop to reflect," said the lawyer as his face assumed a more serious look. "I am a southerner, and I believe the south has been fully justified in her course, but our people are foolishly underestimating the strength and temper of the north. They will not let us go because we blustor and threaten. If the south secures a separation, it will have to be won on the field of battle. It was to be, and it has come, but it is to be deplored."

"If war comes, business will have to go," observed Kenton as he looked about the office.

"War is here, and our business has already fled," replied Williams. "Martial law will soon be proclaimed, and there will be no more use for judges, jurors and attorneys. I have wanted to ask you for several days what course you mean to pursue. If it was to be a war of 60 days, six months, or even a year, we might make certain plans, but it is to be a long and bloody struggle, and this very valley will be a battleground. We may as well close our office today as a month hence. Amid such excitement as this there can be no call for our services."

"I am a northern man," said Kenton after a moment's thought.

"Yes, they call you a Yankee."

"I have cared nothing for politics. There is a great principle herein involved, but our greatest statesmen are divided over it. The south seeks independence from a federation which has become unbearable. The north, or at least a goodly portion of it, denies the right of secession. This coming war is the consequence. I stand on neutral ground."

"You are neutral today, but you cannot be 30 days hence," said the old lawyer as a troubled look came into his face. "Do you find any neutral men in that crowd down there? Have you heard any neutral talk among our people? It may not be 10 days before you will be put to the test."

"What test?"

"Of your allegiance to one side or the other. Every young man in our town is hastening to volunteer. I am too old to be taken now, but later on I may be forced into the ranks. It will be a war in which the south will need her last man. I am not pledged to a southern confederacy, but I am pledged to Virginia. I go with my state. You have come down to cast your lot with us. It is for you to answer whether you are for or against your adopted state. Think it over. If you wish to go north, the routes are still open. If you wish to remain, you will be asked why you don't volunteer. I do not seek to influence you. Be guided by your own conscience. Tomorrow we will settle all business matters between us. It may be years before there is any further call for our legal talents in this or any other Virginia town. Military law will soon override everything."

The old lawyer rose up and passed down stairs on his way home without further remark, leaving Royal Kenton in a brown study, which was interrupted 10 minutes later by wild cheering on the street. He went down to ascertain the cause, and a man who had just volunteered swung his hat and replied:

"Hooray! We uns is gwine to send fellers right on to captur' Washington and ole Abe Lincoln!"

CHAPTER III.

Night comes, and the streets of the old town grow more quiet. Men have cheered themselves hoarse, and intense excitement has wearied everybody. An even 50 men have signed the roll, and more will come in tomorrow. The recruiting office has been closed by the removal of the table and the departure of the captain. With that officer we have little to do. With the man in citizen's clothes who assisted him we have much. Let me introduce to you as he sits on the veranda of the village inn Duke Wyle, 25 years of age, a bachelor, the only son of ex-Judge Wyle, the nabob of the village and county. The young man has been educated for nothing in particular. He has done nothing in particular since he left college.

"We wants sixty more men to fill up this company."

"Duke? Oh, Duke's all right," was the reply to any half meant criticism. "The old man's got plenty of money, and Duke is his heir. Good boy, that Duke. Likes to hunt and ride and is a little wild, but he'll steady down after a bit. Don't you worry about Duke!"

And when the news of war came Duke found the excitement his nature craved. When the volunteer company was full, he was to be its first lieutenant. He and Royal Kenton were acquaintances, but not friends. In the beginning they had been attracted toward each other, and there was promise of close intimacy. But no two men can love the same woman and be friends—be anything less than enemies. Both were frequent callers at the old mansion standing at the head of the long street, in which resided the widow and daughter of the late Hon. John Percy, one of Virginia's oldest and wisest senators and statesmen. If Marian favored either one, if she was interested in any one of her numerous callers, no sign of encouragement had been given. Kenton and Wyle were only two out of twenty, and yet it seemed to be generally understood that she would ultimately favor one or the other.

"Hooray! Hooray! We uns will be in Washington in less'n 30 days!"

It was the voice of Steve Brayton shouting as he drew near.

"You there, Steve?" called Wyle as the enthusiastic volunteer was swinging his hat and making ready for another cheer.

"W'at's wanted, lootenant?"

"Come up here!"

"Doggone my hide, but I want to git down thar and hev a fout so bad that I can't stand still!" growled Steve as he came along down the veranda. "What's up, lootenant? Hain't don gone and got word that them ar' Yankees is goin to give up without a fout, hev ye?"

"Say, Steve, do you know there's a Yankee among us?"

"No. There's no news this evening. Sit down."

"Whoop! I'm powerfully minded to sot out by myself and git thar beto' the fussin is all over!" exclaimed Steve as he hesitated to take the chair pushed at him by the other's foot.

"Sit down! You'll get there soon enough without any extra hurry! Say, Steve, do you know there's a Yankee among us—a regular, full fledged Yankee right here in this town?"

"Lordy, no! Has he un cum down to captur' we uns?"

"He is here as a spy, Steve—as a spy to let 'em know up north what we are doing. You fellers are not very bright, or you'd have got onto him without my telling."

"Shoo! A Yankee spy right yere in this town? How yo' seen him with yo't own eyes?"

"I have."

"And yo' kin name him?"

"I can. Do you know Lawyer Williams?"

"I reckon."

"Do you know the man in the office with him—fellow named Kenton?"

"I do, fur suah. He drawed up some papers fur me awhile ago. Purty nice sort of a feller, I take it."

"Didn't you know he was a Yankee?"

"No!"

"Well, he is. Any one will tell you that he came down here from the north only about a year ago."

"But he cum to go inter bizness."

"Yes, but he's a Yankee, and they are all alike—all down on us about the nigger, and all want to make us eat dirt."

"Shoo! Jest want to walk right over us and tread us into the ground, eh?"

"That's it, and he's one of them. No one knows how many letters he's sent off in the last two weeks. He probably sent one today, and they know in Washington just what we are doing here."

"But what's he doin yere if he's a Yankee spy?" persisted Steve. "Seems like I've heard they hang spies."

"And they'll hang him if he stays long enough! I'm thinking he'll get all the information he can and then speak for the north and enlist in the Yankee army."

"Shoo! What's yo'r idea, lootenant?"

"I think somebody ought to wait on him and give him warning to leave the town at once. If he refuses to go, I reckon we can scare up enough tar and feathers to give him a coat."

"Doggone it, lootenant, but yo' are dead right! Yo't the captain orter jest walk right up to him this very night!"

"Well, you see," observed Wyle after some hesitation, "the captain and I are very busy waiting for war news, and we have sort o' decided to leave the matter to you boys. You'll find he's a Yankee spy, and you'll probably want to use him rough, and if we were along we'd be obliged to protect him. You'd better get about a dozen of the boys together and give Mr. Yankee a call tonight. Talk right up to him and let him see that you know all about him. Perhaps he's found out all the Lincoln government wants to know and is ready to go north. If he says he'll go, give him half an hour to pack up and walk him down to the train, which goes past at 11 o'clock."

"I see. But s'pose he says he won't go?"

"Tar and feathers, Steve—tar and feathers will make him change his mind!"

"They will, fur shore, and we uns will giv him tar and feathers! Yo' ar' startin he's a Yankee?"

"Of course."

"Means to fight agin us?"

"Of course. You are not going to flunk out, are you?"

"Steve Brayton never did flunk in all his life, and he ain't goin to begin now, but"——

"But what?" impatiently demanded Wyle, who was in a hurry to begin proceedings.

"Seems like we orter hev some sort o' beginnin. He an drawed up them papers fur me and didn't make no charge, and I don't want to jump in on him all of a sudden. Seems like I orter be sorter civil and decent at fust and find out what he un's doin or means to do."

"Steve Brayton, I'll scratch your name off the roll this very night! You ain't got the sand to make a soldier!"

"Shoo! Don't yo' be so flustrated! Hev yo' got that roll with yo'?"

"Yes."

"Good! Hand it over."

"What do you want of it?"

"I've dun got a plan. I'll take that paper along. I'll git Ike Baxter, Bill Taylor, Tom Henderson and six or eight mo', and we'll find that Yankee. When we've found him, I'll be civil and decent and say: 'Folks is a-tellin that yo' un is a Yankee spy,' and that yo' un is gwine to skip out fur the north purty quick. How does yo' un constan-date?"

"What do you mean by that?" asked Wyle.

"That means how does he un stand. Is he un for the south or north? If he un's fur the south, let him put his name right down thar to be one of us. If he un's fur the north, we uns will cum back fur tar and feathers."

"Steve, you've hit it—hit it plumb center!" exclaimed Wyle as he rose up to shake hands. "You've got the idea exactly. Put that there paper right at him! If he's for us, he'll sign; if he's agin us, he won't. Get your men together and start out right away."

"We uns will find out all about it in an hour, lootenant, and doggone my hide if I ain't so chock full of fout that I've got to holler! Hip, hip, hooray! Aim low, boys, and giv' it to 'em heavy!"

CHAPTER IV.

The average writer of fiction describes every southern man as wearing long, black hair, a wide brimmed hat and a fierce mustache. The southern woman is pictured as tall and stately, with black eyes and raven tresses. Marian Percy was a true child of the south, and yet she had hazel eyes, brown hair and was petite in figure. As she passed the ragged little darkies in the street they looked after her and called:

"Golly me, but dar goes Miss Sunshine again!"

Of sunny disposition, charitable in thought and deed, respected by all, she had dignity without haughtiness, was a queen among girls without arrogance. If every other girl of the south was arguing for and enthusiastically applauding the right of secession and wearing the toy Palmetto flag, Marian was the exception. Not that the momentous events were lightly passed over, but because she was weighing them and pondering deeply. Educated at the north, she had formed strong friendships and found hosts of friends. She had seen the Yankee at home, at his worst and at his best, and she rather liked him. That a general election, such as had been held so often before, should result in turmoil, bloodshed and separation she could not understand. Politicians defended the secession of South Caro-

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lina, but she was not wise enough to sift their sophistry from their constitutional arguments. The talk of a southern confederacy did not appeal to her patriotism. Her pride and patriotism belonged to Virginia first of all. Virginia's weal or woe was her anxiety.

At 8 o'clock on the evening of the day of which we have written the widow Percy and her daughter were eagerly scanning the columns of a Richmond paper which had arrived half an hour before, when Royal Kenton was announced. He was received in a manner to let him know that his presence was welcome, and conversation turned at once to the all important question. After it had continued for a time Mrs. Percy suddenly observed:

"Mr. Kenton, we were speaking of you this afternoon and were agreed that your position was at least embarrassing."

"Which means," he smilingly replied, "that you have been wondering which side I would take in this contest."

Mother and daughter looked at him with considerable eagerness, but without reply, and he continued:

"No doubt I ought to be ashamed of the fact that I have lived to be 24 years of age and have taken no interest in politics. If all others were clear on this question, I could soon decide it for myself. Here we have some of the ablest men of America contending that no state is bound to the Union by any constitutional law, while others equally wise advise war as a penalty for secession. We have no precedent to guide us. No state was forced into the Union. If the people of any one state believe that separation would be a benefit, how can we deny her right to withdraw? And yet no state has a moral or legal right to imperil the welfare of the general government."

"I cannot speak for the south, but for Virginia only," said the mother. "I know little of politics. I am content to leave the question to the statesmen of our state. I have no bitterness of sectional feeling."

"You are from Rhode Island, M

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Smethport, Pa., April 20, 1894.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

I am directed by the Republican State Committee to announce that the Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in State Convention at Harrisburg, Pa., on Wednesday, May 23d, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the following purposes, to wit:

For the nomination of candidates respectively for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, two Members of Congress-at-large from the State at Large, Auditor-General, Secretary of Internal Affairs, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

Attention is called to the rule adopted at the State Convention of 1882 providing for the basis of representation, as follows:

"Representation in future State Conventions shall be based upon the vote cast at the Presidential or Gubernatorial election immediately preceding, one Delegate being allotted to each Legislative District for every 2,000 Republican votes and an additional Delegate for a fraction exceeding 1,000 votes, each District to have at least one Delegate."

By order of the Republican State Committee.

E. S. CLARK SMITH, Chairman.
Attest. JAMES B. REED, } Secretaries.
A. D. FRANCHOT, }

COUNTY CONVENTION.

TO THE REPUBLICAN ELECTORS OF MCKEAN COUNTY:

Pursuant to the action of the Republican County Committee, notice is hereby given that a Republican County Convention will be held at Smethport on Tuesday, May 1st, 1894, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of recommending a candidate for Congress, nominating a two candidates for members of Assembly, one candidate for coroner, one candidate Jury Commissioner and electing two delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held at Harrisburg on the 23d day of May, 1894, and for the transaction of any other business that may be properly presented.

The basis for the election of delegates to said County Convention (one for each district and members of the County Committee for the ensuing year) for wards (districts) will be held in each of the respective election districts of the county at the regular polling places on Saturday, the 28th day of April next, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock in the evening, excepting as to the Township of Foster, wherein the said polling places shall be open from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and the several districts of Hamilton township from 5 to 7 o'clock p. m.

T. R. CLARK, Chairman.
Bradford, Pa., March 14, 1894.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce Hon. C. W. STONE as a candidate for Congress, at the next election, in the 27th Congressional District, comprising Venango, Warren, McKean and Cameron counties, subject to nomination by the convention for said district.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. M. MCKINLEY, of Smethport, Pa., as a candidate for representative in the State Legislature, subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

KEYSTONE MINER. Please announce that I am a candidate for representative in the state Legislature, subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

W. K. BURDICK.

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 22, 1894.

We are requested to announce the name of George Griffiths, of Kane, Pa., as a candidate for the nomination of Member of Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

KEYSTONE MINER. Please announce that I am a candidate for Representative in the State Legislature, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

HERMAN H. NORTH.

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 15, 1894.

We are authorized to announce the name of E. K. SHERMAN, of Kendall Creek, as a candidate for the nomination for Coroner, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of D. F. WRIGHT, of Bradford, as a candidate for the nomination for Coroner, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of A. C. HAWKINS as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the usages of the Republican party.

We are authorized to announce the name of HOWARD GORTON as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the usages of the Republican party.

We are authorized to announce the name of F. S. JOHNSON as a candidate for delegate to the *Republican* state Convention, subject to the usages of the Republican party.

WALTER OSTRANDER, of Liberty township, here*by announces his name as a candidate for* Jury Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

I AM the only Democrat left. O. C.

TOM REED'S rules save time and also save your breath.

CONGRESSMEN can vote now without opening their mouths.

THE income *tasks* will kill the Wilson bill. It penetrated the vital part, as evidenced by the fearful struggle the bill is having in the Senate. It's dead gone.

WHERE is the Tammany tiger? By this time it must be carrying both eyes in a sling. Hon. Croker will not know *his pet feline* when it comes out to sun itself these bright spring days.

SENATOR SMITH of New Jersey, has followed in the footsteps of Hill and denounced the Wilson bill. "Where are we at?" The Democratic party is a surprise to everyone, even to themselves. And the end is not yet.

SENATOR HILL having succeeded in knocking out the Democratic party, had better turn his attention to James Corbett or Peter Jackson. They might keep the doughty Senator busy for some time to cool his ardor.

WHAT a smile of satisfaction must have spread over Tom Reed's good-natured face when the House voted to adopt the obnoxious rules that governed the 51st Congress. The Czar is vindicated at last. Crisp and his followers had to eat humble pie. It was a bitter pill to swallow.

JUDGE F. S. JOHNSON'S name was announced last week for delegate to the State Convention at Harrisburg. We regret very much that attention was not called to the fact last week, but try to make amends now. Judge Johnson is too well known in this county to need any introduction to the people. As regards his ability and fitness for the position there can be no question.

YOUNG Republicans of McKean county, now is a good time to organize Republican clubs in the different sections of the county. Get up active clubs over the land. There are many young men now who are hesitating as to what party they will affiliate with, young men who have been inclined towards Democracy on account of the Democratic sweep in 1892, but are now hesitating which road to pursue. So we say organize active Republican clubs, and very little will induce those who are at the forks of the road to turn to the right and join you in your efforts. Democratic principles are not commanding a very high premium at present and the uncertain voter, with a little inducement, may be brought over to the Republican fold. So we say organize Republican clubs all over the country.

WHERE ARE WE AT?

TAYLOR HUDDLE P. O., (away out west) April 18, 1894.

What is the matter with our Congressmen, anyway? I have been reading up the actions of the different Congresses and invariably the Democratic Congressmen fail to accomplish anything when they are to the majority. During the 51st Congress the Republicans had a very small majority, yet they were able to pass laws, even the unconstitutional McKinley bill they were able to place upon our statutes. And now the Democratic Congress has been in session over eight months and they have not been able to repeal that odious measure. The trouble with us Democrats is, we cannot work together. If one of our members gets up a good bill, there will be enough Democrats oppose it to defeat the bill.

Some way our Congressmen's views are not broad enough to take in the whole country and legislate laws that would be of the greatest good to the greatest number. They will let local matters sway them from a love of country. There is something queer about the matter. As Democrats, we have always clung to the *theory of* State's rights, but my faith in that doctrine is getting very weak. I begin to see that if we are to hold our proud position as the greatest nation in the world, we must drop these petty little local matters and get on a higher plane, where we can see what would be best for the country at large. As a Democrat, I did not like the McKinley bill, as it seemed to favor some more than others. But here comes our great Wilson bill, which we expected was going to equalize matters and make everything just and fair. That bill favors different sections. I begin to think we have made a botch of it, that it will not pass, as it is not broad enough. We have talked for years about Republicans legislating in favor of one class and against another. Some way we always fail. I do not understand why it is, but it's the fact nevertheless. The best thing we could do would be to string our Democratic Congressmen on a wire, so as to pull them all at once. But there a new difficulty arises. There are two houses and we would be compelled to use two wires, and that would necessitate the use of two men to handle them. Consequently they would not pull together. "Where are we at?" I begin to think we are pretty nearly used up. When I look Congress over, I find the Republicans standing shoulder to shoulder, while our Democratic members are pulling first one way and then another, see sawing backwards and forwards, and accomplishing nothing. If we had a leader we might be able to do something; but we have not.

P. S. Since writing the above, word has reached me that Congress has adopted the rules inaugurated by that despot from Maine, Tom Reed, rules that our Congressmen said everything against and did everything to avoid. Kilgore, of Texas, even kicking the door of Congress down to get away from having his vote counted, when the Republicans wished to pass a law that he (Kilgore) did not approve. Well, this is a pretty state of affairs. Measures that we have fought against so manfully for so long a time, with a majority of over 90 in Congress, now have to give up and say we were wrong and the Republicans right is more than I can stand. I am sick, oh, so sick. Where will it end?

HARNEY JACKSON, Dem.

THE REAL REASON FOR IT.

Democratic reasons for the Democratic situation are exceedingly amusing. The New York *Sun*, gloats over the election figures with an "I-told you so" air. It explains that the Democratic leaders at Washington have not kept faith with the Chicago platform. The convention declared protection to be unconstitutional and a robbery, but the Wilson bill, according to the *Sun*, is a protection measure another McKinley. Hence there is widespread disgust with the Democratic party.

The New York *World* is a sturdy advocate of an income tax. The delay in getting the Wilson bill to a vote and passing it, together with the income tax rider, is the reason for the infelicitous which the people have visited upon the party, according to the *World*. The people are just dying for an income tax, and nothing will appease them but that.

The New York *Herald*, on the other hand, declares that defeat is due not only to delay in passing a proper bill, but in advocating the income proposition. Thus we have three very differ ent opinions from three Democratic sources, and not one of them hits anywhere near the mark, and we doubt if any one of them is a sincere opinion. *Ex.*

Here the reader has the opinion of three able papers. Neither of them will be honest and tell the true reason, that the people who voted for a change see their mistake and are honest enough to show by their votes that they were mistaken. If the New York journals were equally honest, people would think more of them.

CONGRESS has done something at last—adopted Tom Reed's rules. They may be able to do something now with the wild west show at Washington. The Congressmen may refuse to vote but that will not stop legislation, as has been the case all winter. If a measure was not acceptable to a member, all he had to do was to turn himself into a wooden cigar sign and he could avoid a vote until some measure that he was in harmony with came up, when he would come out of the trance and cast his ballot. A Democrat can not accomplish much on his own stamping ground, but when he turns over a new leaf and tries to do something, you will find him on Republican soil.

GENERAL COXEY does not need mileage books for his followers to travel with when he can ship them by the boat load for 52 cents per ton. The army became foot-sore and weary, so Coxey hired transportation at the above rates and shipped them like cattle. Great scheme of the commander.

WALTER OSTRANDER, of Liberty township, is announced in this issue as a candidate for jury commissioner. The staunch Republicanism of the entire Ostrander family has often been remarked, and Walter should receive the nomination he seeks.

WONDER if Coxey's men will get sea sick on the raging canal.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18, '94.—Another week of Democratic-do-nothingism brings that party so much nearer to defeat in the coming Congressional elections. So evident has it become that the party which triumphantly took possession of House, Senate, Presidency and Departments thirteen months ago has worked at its absolute destruction, so far as relates to the continuous control of Congress, that Democrats now generally concede the control of the next Congress to the Republican party. Hence their anxiety for final action on the tariff bill this session. They realize fully and keenly that unless the tariff bill and other outrages upon the American public which their platform promised are made laws before the end of this session their pledges will never be carried out. The next session of Congress will be of but 90 days duration and it will be easy for the Republicans to prevent the passage of an objection-able legislation in the short session, which must come to an end at a given time. So the Democratic leaders fully realize that unless they are able to pass their free trade bill and their free banking bill during the present session they will go before the country and the world as the breakers of their pledges. The only pledge of their Chicago platform which they have yet kept, is that for the disfranchisement of the great mass of colored voters in the south, and the destruction of an honest ballot in the great cities of the country. That one pledge of the repeal of the election laws, by which the Republicans provided for a fair vote, the Democrats have kept. They have destroyed the only protection upon the statute books for the colored voters of the south, or those voters of the great cities who desire honest elections and who are now left absolutely at the mercy of such open violaters of law and order as control the great cities of the country, especially New York and Chicago, which are considered the most important political centres in the control of the close states of the country.

The event of the week has been of course Senator Hill's speech on the tariff bill. Of course every reader knows that he took grounds against that measure as it now stands, particularly against the income tax which is so unpopular a feature in the north and so popular a feature in the south, where there are few incomes sufficiently large to be affected by it. Your average southern citizen and statesman has been for years aching to get even with the northern capitalist and business man, who, according to the popular southern belief, grew rich during the war and built up their incomes out of what the southern people term "their misfortunes." So the scheme of taxing incomes which exceed a given sum has always been a popular one with the southern people, and now that the south is in control of the House and Senate they are determined to force their pet scheme through this Congress, cost what it may. Hence Senator Hill's opposition to the income tax has met with great disatisfaction on the part of the southern members. That he intends to stand squarely against it is shown by the defiant attitude which he assumed in his speech, and there is reason to believe that he and two or three other northern Democrats, notably Murphy, Smith and McPherson, will vote against the bill on its final passage, should the income tax be retained. It is also stated in positive terms now that Senator Peffer is also dissatisfied with sundry other features of the bill and that he will also refuse to vote *This fact*, coupled with the determination of the Republicans to insist upon a full and thorough discussion of the bill in the Senate, reduces materially its chances of passage. Indeed, there are many who now predict that the tariff bill will not become a law at this session. There is no probability that the Republicans in the Senate or those Democrats who are dissatisfied with the bill, will consent to its being brought to a vote for many weeks, and probably not for many months. It is safe to assert that every Republican will vote against it if it should ever come to a vote in the Senate, with the assurances of Senator Hill and his followers that they will vote against it if it contains the income tax. In that event the chances of success in that body are very slim, unless the income tax is eliminated, and it is asserted in the most positive terms that the House will never agree to it if the income tax is eliminated. So there is a growing belief that its chances of becoming a law are not only growing *less every day* but are already extremely attenuated.

The great Democratic majority in the House has shown itself helpless and useless as ever this week. A few days ago those Democratic members who remained here became so enraged with their absent colleagues that they issued an order for their arrest and directed that they be brought to Washington and compelled to appear in the House. Although there were scores of members absent, this order was only carried out as to a very few men, and when the farce was completed the House tried to pass a resolution for the dismissal of those members who were in custody of the Sergeant at-arms. To the astonishment and disgust of the Democratic leaders and the amusement of the onlookers, they found themselves unable to muster a quorum of Democrats to pass even this resolution, and the consequence is that the members remained nominally under arrest, though of course only nominally, as they are given their entire freedom by the Sergeant at-arms who has charge of "arrested members." Thus the Democracy in the House with an enormous majority has made itself the laughing stock of the whole country by being unable to produce a quorum of its members to do business.

The chief event of the week at the House end, aside from the unsuccessful efforts to obtain a quorum has been a fight in behalf of the proposition of the repeal on state bank currency. The southern members who are clamoring for this repeal circulated a call for a caucus and readily obtained a sufficient number of signatures to cause it to be held. The northern Democrats who are most of them opposed to the appeal, many of them remained away from the caucus and others refused to be bound by its action. The caucus adopted an amendment to the resolution that the law ought to be repealed and then adjourned. A bill will be proposed by the friends of repeal, but Chairman Springer of the Banking and Currency Committee, one of the oldest Democrats in the House, makes no concealment of his belief that the proposition can never get through the House and that no bill of this character will become a law.

One of the most interesting problems now confronting the Democracy, and one the solution of which is looked for with a great deal of curiosity and interest, relates to the question of counting a quorum in the House. The Democrats, it will be remembered, made the most violent objections to the rule established during the last Republican Congress by which the Speaker noted the presence of those members who were in their seats and refused to vote, and thus was able to determine whether a quorum of members was actually in the House when a vote took place, and to decide a measure carried, although a majority of the House had not actually cast their vote upon it, so long as a majority of members were present and cognizant of the vote which was taking place. Everybody will remember the hot fight which was made over Speaker Reed's attitude upon this question, and everybody will also remember that his proposition in favor of the right to count a quorum when a quorum was actually present was sustained by the Supreme Court. Now the question of the adoption of some similar rule confronts the Democrats. During the seven months that this House has been in session, they have been unable many times to produce a quorum of Democrats although they have had constantly a majority of sixty or seventy votes, could they compel other members to be present and vote. But they have not been able to do that, and as the Republicans were determined to compel them to complete their vicious legislation with votes of their own members only, they find themselves unable to do business except on rare occasions. So a large number of leading Democrats are gradually coming to the conclusion that after all Speaker Reed's rules about the counting of a quorum were pretty good things and ought to be adopted now. Speaker Crisp, who put himself so strongly on record against them, however, is determined not to *yield to the clamoring of his own party* for the adoption of the rules which he declared such an outrage. So there is a *growing strife* between the Democratic party in the House as to whether they shall adopt the Reed rules and thus produce a quorum to do business. It is quite probable that they will be compelled to do so before the session ends, or thus add to their already disgraceful record—that of absolute incompetency to do business with an enormous majority of their own membership in the House.

A NOTABLE COINCIDENCE.

It is not often that we have news of the funeral services in the same day of three so distinguished Americans as David Dudley Field, Henry W. Slocum and Zebulon B. Vance. The first was among the ablest of modern lawyers, the second famous alike as a lawyer and soldier and the third took high rank as a Senator. They were all tireless workers and bore for many years great responsibilities, yet Field lived to see his 90th year, Slocum his 67th and Vance his 64th. A nation unlike a chain, is to be judged by its strongest and not by its weakest link. Judged by these men, who indicated its normal possibilities, civilization in the United States, after all that has been said against it, is capable of not only producing but *sustaining men* who in every respect will bear comparison with the best of the past. Physically, intellectually and morally what has the past to show that will excel them? *Ex.*

CATARRH OF PELVIC ORGANS

A Class of Diseases Not Generally Understood.

It is a popular impression that catarrh is a disease confined to the mucous membranes lining the nose, throat and bronchial tubes and other of the respiratory organs. The real fact is, that all mucous membranes, wherever located, are subject to catarrh, and unless recognized and properly treated chronic ailments are sure to follow. No organ of the whole body is more frequently affected than the bladder. The symptoms of catarrh of the bladder are frequent voiding, which is generally scant in quantity and highly colored, with a thick, white or slightly pinkish sediment. Catarrh of the bladder is also liable to extend downwards to the pelvic organs. This will soon cause smarting and sometimes difficulty and pain. In females the extension of the catarrhal disease is certain to involve the female pelvic organs and produces leucorrhœa, painful periods and bearing-down pains.

In taking Pe-ru-na for catarrhal affections of these organs a tablespoonful four times each day is sufficient for cases of ordinary severity, but there are acute cases for which it is necessary to take six doses each day to get the full benefit of the treatment. Old persons who are annoyed by frequent calls and burning pains, day or night, never fail to find complete cure by a few months' faithful use of Pe-ru-na.

Send for free copy of Family Physician No. 2, in which these subjects are fully explained. Address The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

MADALINE POLLARD, the girl of 17 years of age, who led the man of 47 years astray and betrayed him, has done all she could to make reparation by offering to marry the man she wronged. When a person takes the course that Miss Pollard has to right an injury, a person cannot help but admire her course. Poor old Breckenridge will go down into history despised by the better element of the country. Never more can he hold up his head proudly as of yore. Even though his district in Kentucky should send him back to Congress, he will be like a broken reed with no power for good. Shunned by the upright, merely tolerated by his intimates, his life will be anything but a pleasure. We are thankful the disgraceful matter is ended. The country has been surfeited by the foul subject.

LITERARY NOTES.

George du Maurier is considered by several hundred thousand persons on this side of the Atlantic, and by several millions on the other, to stand at the head of contemporary caricaturists. He surprised and delighted many readers a few years ago by giving them a novel of unusual interest, "Peter Ibbetson," but "Peter Ibbetson" was destined to be only the promise of greater work. "Trilby," Mr du Maurier's second novel, judging by the chapters that have already appeared in Harper's Magazine, is one of those great works of fiction which are read by more than one generation. It has the rare and felicitous quality called style, and its heroes and heroines are so much like the people one knows that the romance seems to be lived rather than read.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins curbs, splints, sweeney, ring-bone stifles, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong Druggist, Smethport Pa.

Our new line of wall paper, we claim will take the cake. Latest styles, latest patterns and most beautiful designs of any in the market, and we will not be undersold by anyone. A competent paper hanger will be furnished on application at our place of business. Call and see our immense stock of wall paper.

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It's all the same, a slight cold, congested lungs or severe cough. One minute cough cure banishes them. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

Said a noted man of 60 years, "my mother gave me Down's Elixir for coughs and colds when I was a boy."

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure." This new remedy is a great surprise and delight to physicians on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Our new designs in furniture is unsurpassed in this section. Call and try our easy rockers and comfortable sitters. Bedroom sets of the finest oak and everything needed in house furnishing as cheap as can be purchased anywhere. We will not be undersold. Undertaking a specialty. SPECHT & SASSE.

BEGIN the New Year aright and get your Insurance written by W. F. Specht.

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Previous to going to Denver I visited the University of Pennsylvania to be operated upon. The doctor pronounced my case elongation of the bowels and the worst he ever saw. He refused to perform an operation, saying that after having suffered so many years it was not worth while that I should die at this late day from the effects of the knife, and die I would if he used it.

No Man Can Conceive

what I suffered for thirty-three years. I tried all sorts of remedies and treatments, often without the slightest relief. Four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla not only relieved, but cured, both the piles and rheumatism. The

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

only trace of rheumatism which I feel now is a little stiffness when the weather changes, and as I will be 73 years old in August that is but incidental to my age. This is a simple statement of facts." JAMES B. BOND, 220 West Norris Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Hats and Bonnets are perfect gems of loveliness and must be seen to be appreciated. Following is a list of some of the many Bargains which we are offering at this season

Elegant half-wool Dress Goods, all new Spring Shades, in dress patterns of 10 yards each, $1.00
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for One Dollar and One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents per sack. The Cheapest and Best Flour on the market. Gives the best satisfaction to the trade. The housewives all ask for the White Satin, as the name is attractive; but its greatest attraction is its quality. Before purchasing elsewhere, come and see my new stock, bought by the carload. I will not be undersold.

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A Perfect Store Service!

Our notion of a store is a store to draw the trade of the country; a store to be chosen all over the country, because it serves its customers, near and far, so well.

Of course the city runs away from the country. But a few stores in the great cities run away from all the rest. How? Why? Is it that the leading stores have better taste and judgement and credit for getting their goods together, better organization for showing them and better facilities for serving customers?

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People who live out of town are just as much interested in the development of this business as city folks. You and we may be quite a distance apart, measured by miles, yet, by reason of our

MAIL ORDER FACILITIES

We're virtually next door to you. Shopping by mail is simple as can be and perfectly safe, providing you know the store you're dealing with. We fill all orders the same day as received and send samples of mailable merchandise free to any address.

But you don't know what a help *shopping by mail* is till you have tried it.

Barnes, Hengerer & Co.

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To be thoroughly well mounted is one of the first principles of cycling. Do not deny yourself the extra comfort and luxury derivable from a first-class wheel, when you can obtain a Columbia for $125.

The purchase of any wheel short of the best is bad judgment and worse economy. Unprejudiced truth acknowledges Columbia superiority. It is absolutely the standard bicycle of the world; unequalled, unapproached. You can have the Columbia catalogue by asking for it.

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I will resume dressmaking at my rooms over store, on Main street. Making Boys' clothing a specialty.

MRS. C. C. WILLIAMS.
Smethport, Pa., March 26, 1894.—3m.

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—OF THE—
CHICAGO MAGNETIC SHIELD COMPANY.
For the treatment of

Rheumatism, Paralysis, Asthma, Hay Fever, Kidney, Liver, Stomach and Bowel Complaints, Indigestion, Constipation, Head, Throat and Lung Troubles, &c., &c.

Write for pamphlet and city references.

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10 good well broke horses, good age, workers, general purpose and driving stock at 1894 cash prices.

PALMER & THOMPSON.
Smethport, Pa., April 5, 1894.—3t.

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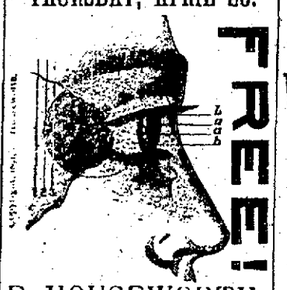

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Boys' suits to order, from $3.50 to $5 and up, including extra pair pants. Gents' fine Suits from $12 to $17 and up. Gents' fine Pants to order for $6.50 and up. Give me a call and select your goods and leave your measure.

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Pillsbury's best, per sack, - $1.35
Oil City No. 1 Feed, - - 1.15
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Goods promptly delivered to all customers.

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Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between Ira S. Gleason and Charles Lemmler is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Gleason retiring. The business will be continued by Charles Lemmler who assumes all indebtedness of the firm and to whom all accounts due the firm are payable.

Smethport, Pa., April 5, 1894.—3t.

Administrator's Notice.

ESTATE OF NILES CROSSMYRE, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration de bonis non on the estate of Niles Crossmyre, late of Keating township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to P. K. Baldwin, residing in Smethport, Pa., to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will present the same duly authenticated without delay.

P. K. BALDWIN, Administrator, d. b. n.
Smethport, McKean Co., Pa., March 16, 1894.

Administrator's Notice.

ESTATE OF LUCRETIA K. CROSSMYRE, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration on the estate of Lucretia K. Crossmyre, late of Keating township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to P. K. Baldwin, residing in Smethport, Pa., to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will present the same duly authenticated without delay.

P. K. BALDWIN, Administrator.
Smethport, McKean Co., Pa., March 15, 1894.

Administrator's Notice.

ESTATE OF RALPH CROSSMYRE, DECEASED.

Letters of administration on the estate of Ralph Crossmyre, late of Keating township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to P. K. Baldwin, residing in Smethport, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will present the same duly authenticated without delay.

P. K. BALDWIN, Administrator.
Smethport, McKean Co., Pa., March 15, 1894.

RACKET STORE POINTERS.

Did we not tell U the 100 per center would have to go? Why pay 5c doz for clothes pins? The best only worth 1c doz; safety pins 2, 3 & 4c doz; pins and needles 1c paper; darning needles 2 doz 3c; steel pens 5c doz; fish hooks 6 for 1c; fry pans 4c; lamp wix 2, 3 & 4c doz; thread 2c spool; women's work shoes extra good 95c; Tpots 2 qt 10c, 3qt 13c, 4 qt 15c; crackers 4 lbs 25c; potatoes 40c bu; salt 81 bbl; mixed candy 8c lb, dark chocolate candy 15c lb. Great bargains in shoes. Teapot & saucers 37 c ent; inch plates 37c; covered chambers xtra nice 42c; wash bowl & pitcher 72c. These goods R the best semi-granite ware.

These prices R not a few leaders but every-day prices. Everything mark'd at 10 to 25 per cent. The 100 per center will tell U these are culls and worthless goods. U tell them they li & I can prove it. When we sell U seconds we tell U so. We buy the most of our goods of the same agents they do & pay the same money. The difference in the selling price is between 25 & 100 per cent. Would U believe they would have the cheek 2 charge U 5c doz for clothes pins that only cost 38c for 60 doz. Do U C how you have been rob'd? Do U C how they are tumbling to the Racket prices? C what U paid for flour when we gave U our prices 2 day U can buy a sack at honest prices. They have got 2 come 2 our prices or go. Remember our dollars R as good as yours & we guarantee our goods to give satisfaction.

A. E. STICKLES.
East Smethport, Pa.,

LUMBER YARD!

Holmes & Griffiths,

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SMETHPORT, PENN'A.

All kinds of Building Material.

HEMLOCK & WASHINGTON RED CEDAR SHINGLES.

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We have also made arrangements with the Smethport Extract and Lumber Company to take charge of their retail department. Call or write us for prices. 9ct

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promptly repaired in a workmanlike manner.

All work guaranteed or money refunded.

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Having purchased the stock of the *Furniture* and Carpet Co., I will continue the business at the old stand, offering rare bargains

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Furniture.

Chamber Suits from $10.50 to $90. Rockers from $1 to $2.
Handsome Couches from $6.75 to $35.
Complete line of Parlor Suits, and a general line of Furniture at rare prices.

Carpets and Oil Cloths.

Good Ingrain Carpet at 25c a yard. All-wool Ingrain Carpet at 50c yd.
Mattings from 18c yd up. Oil Cloth from 25c yd up. Linoleum 50c yd up.

Wall Paper.

A complete line of new patterns. Good Browns at 8c.
Good White Backs from 10c to 15c. Higher Grades from 18c to $1 00.
Skilled workmen will be furnished to do paper hanging when so desired at reasonable prices.

Baby Carriages.

The largest assortment in town. Prices range from $7.00 to $25.00.

Window Shades.

Beautiful fringed Shades at 25c. Good grades of Shades at 40c and 50c.
Best grades of Shades at 60c and $1.00.
Also a fine line of Draperies, that are to be closed out at bargain prices.

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I will pay the freight on all out-of-town deals.

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What we recommend has been time-tested. You can depend upon it. For eighteen years we have studied the market to get the best for the least. We buy enough to get things down. We sell as we buy, below everybody.

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A ready-mixed paint with plenty of India rubber in it. A paint that 3 times outlasts common paint, and always looks new, smooth, glossy.

No weather affects it. We have tested it for 15 years. $1 50 per gal.

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For 8 years these Cabs have controlled the trade of this section.

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Remarkably cheap, yet you or we can't tell why. They touch perfection in circulation, ventilation and economy. They are wonderfully easy to clean. Yet cost like the commonest ice boxes that some makers make.

SOME NEW THINGS.

Pure aluminum is now being used for cooking utensils by everyone who sees it. Premier Egg Cups form a new way of cooking eggs. A new practical washing machine. New Bissell carpet sweepers, made in Vermillion wood.

CHAMBER SETS, CHINA, GLASSWARE, SILVERWARE, KITCHEN WARE,

HARDWARE, MILL SUPPLIES, STEAM FITTINGS, OIL WELL SUPPLIES, TOOLS, ALL KINDS.

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If you want a Bible, Prayer Book Dictionary and all, Etc., go to

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J. G. WILLIAMS,

FRESH & SMOKED MEATS,

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The public are invited to make a careful inspection of my stock and prices.

J. G. WILLIAMS,
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McKean County Miner.

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Smethport, Pa., April 20, 1894.

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M. E. Armstrong, bicycles.
Cowden Bros., Steel & Hanna.
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Beach, Hunger & Co.
L. Emery, Jr. & Co.
N. E. Adams & Co.
H. Marshalsey.
H. W. Marcus.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

"A Yankee in Gray."

Good attendance at civil court this week.

Straw hats were sprouting during the week.

Lewis' great story, the "Yankee in Gray."

Are we going to have a heading factory?

A special train was run to Bradford Wednesday night.

Read the Racket Store advertisement in another column.

M. M. Coleman is happy. He has an engine for his own use.

—Plant all the onions you can. They are a good, healthy bird.

One new member united with the M. E. Church on Sabbath last.

Spring is here. The track of the woodchuck is visible in the land.

One of the most interesting stories we ever read is "A Yankee in Gray."

The B., B. & K. R. are preparing to fix up a little on their busy thoroughfare.

The sidewalks and crossings are being repaired. A much needed improvement.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Josiah H. Brawley to be assistant register of the treasury.

Will "Thinker" designate which of the liberals he refers to in the article of April 6th, in the MINER.

The open meeting of the I. O. O. F. announced to come off on April 27th, has been indefinitely postponed.

Do not fail to show your neighbor "A Yankee in Gray." He will enjoy reading it as well as yourself.

H. Warshafsky has a new advertisement in another column. He is selling everything at the lowest figure.

On and after May 1, 1894, the subscription price to the MINER and Philadelphia Weekly *Press* will be $1.75.

Mrs. Vinnie Bliss, daughter of Moses Bennett, of this place, died at her home, West Creek, Cameron county, on Monday last.

W. A. Stevens, among other accomplishments, is quite a painter. He did a very neat job of house painting for Mr. Mason.

Specht & Sasse will make a convenient undertaking establishment out of the building recently occupied by Dr. Sedwick.

A fine location for a heading factory—plenty of timber, lots of room and men of wealth to furnish the means to carry it on to success.

Nineteen prominent citizens of Bradford were registered at the Grand Central Wednesday morning. Evidently some important case in court.

Mayer Dempsey, of Bradford, with the prominent men of that city, were over on Wednesday, interested parties in a suit about the water works.

There was $1,200,000 worth of property destroyed and 13 lives lost by the burning of C. J. Hamlin's glucose factory at Buffalo last Thursday night.

The ladies who own bicycles were happy Tuesday night, enjoying the lovely moonlight on their wheels. Well, it was a night that anyone could appreciate.

Clean up the rubbish around your dwelling. Help nature along while she is doing it; she can to assist you by covering the ground with a mantle of green.

Old mother earth is getting gay and gaudy again—decorating herself with green and putting on flowers in great style—trying to keep up with the fashion.

According to a recent decision of Justice Williams, of the Supreme Court, a person cannot hold the office of school director and school treasurer at the same time.

There will be a dance and supper given by the Maccabees of Clermont, on Friday, April 27, 1894. A cordial invitation is extended to all. A pleasant time is assured.

The widow of Dr. James has received $1,000 from the K. O. T. M. Tent, at Kane on Crick. Dr. James was a charter member, and he was the first death in the tent.

At the next open meeting of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, Thursday evening, April 26, a paper on "The Character of the Reformation of the Church of England" will be read.

Mr. Sherwood, of Eldred, who has been sick for some time and was not expected to recover, is now on the gain. His many friends will be pleased to hear of the great improvement.

There was about forty dollars raised at the Opera House, Tuesday night, for the benefit of the Rev. J. W. Wright, pastor of the M. E. Church. All speak of having had a very enjoyable time.

Rev. G. W. Halliwell will deliver a lecture to the Odd Fellows at Eldred next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The meeting will be in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the order in America.

The members of the Epworth League invite their friends to spend a social evening at the M. E. parsonage, Friday, April 20. Entertainment will be furnished in the way of music, games and refreshments.

Dwight & Smith will soon start to drill a new well, about one and a quarter miles north of the water works. We hope they will strike the Ormsby oil belt and that it will continue over to Fargo's Valley.

Messrs. Holmes & Gilfillan, by their gentlemanly conduct and fair dealing, are working up an excellent trade in lumber and building fixtures. The MINER takes pleasure in speaking a good word for them. They are bound to succeed.

Mrs. D. M. Braated had a very lucky escape last Monday afternoon while out exercising on her wheel. She met a team and, in attempting to pass, some of the rigging caught in the front wheel of her bicycle, fortunately not enough to cause any damage. It was rather a close call.

—Hon. B. D. Hamlin received a telegram from Philadelphia Thursday morning announcing the death of Dr. Wm. V. Keating, at his residence, Wednesday evening, aged 70 years.

—The Junior League will meet at 4 p. m., Sunday next. The topic will be "Reminiscences." A number of persons will take part. Every member of the League is expected to be present.

—Everybody is invited to the M. E. church, Tuesday, April 24, at 8 p. m. There will be music, including songs by the little ones, and an address by Miss Luella Crawford, State organizer of the Y. W. C. T. U.

—Will Rice, of Port Allegany, was arrested on Wednesday for stealing a sack of flour. Squire Ward committed him to the care of Sheriff Walker. He was brought over Wednesday night and lodged behind the bars.

—Dan Fitzgerald and Dennis Thornton of Bradford were arrested last week for stealing chickens and cooking them on the school house stove, and burning school books. They were lodged with Sheriff Walker on Monday last to await trial.

—The ladies of the Baptist church will give a waffle and chicken supper at the home of Mrs. J. G. Eaton, corner of Mechanic and Water streets, on Friday evening, April 20th, from 6 to 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to partake of the supper.

—John Swanson, living at East Smethport, was knocked down on Main street, near McCoy's corners, on Wednesday afternoon. It seems that two families live in one of P. Ford's houses and their children got into a quarrel, hence the fisticuffs on the street. A family jar.

—A. J. Edgett's new brick hotel, at Bradford, will soon be ready for occupancy. It is situated on Main street, across the creek from the B. R. & P. depot. The lessees are Messrs. P. H. Gallagher and William Devine, well known as the proprietors of the Philadelphia House.

—Warm maple sugar was served at the house of J. C. Cunningham, at King's Corners, on Friday, April 13th, for the benefit of the Baptist church. It was quite well attended by people from Smethport. Total receipts $7 50. Thanks are extended to the kind friends who donated so liberally.

—We have received a communication from Duke Centre in reference to the school entertainment held there recently, but having the account of the affair in type already, we concluded not to publish the communication. However, our thanks are due the writer, whom we shall be pleased to hear from again.

—The *McKean Democrat* is now past sweet sixteen. It is a paper chock-full of interesting reading matter. While we do not agree with Bro. Lindsley politically, socially we have the most friendly feeling for our able competitor and wish him many years of successful experience in the management of his journal.

—The Grand Central at Smethport, under the management of the new proprietor, Mr John C. Breneman, is enjoying a patronage far beyond Mr. Breneman's expectations. Comfortable beds and a metropolitan menu of good things at each meal is the trade mark of the Grand Central.—*Bradford News.*

—One beauty about the Rambler Bicycle, it has no unnecessary toggery to get out of order, but is practically plain: no wheel in the market so easily repaired. The Rambler people have been building wheels for fifteen years and know just *what to build.* Ramblers are *light and strong.* They received highest awards at the World's Fair. F. C. Pierce, Ag't.

—Mrs. M. A. Hudson, of Noblesville, Indiana, a former resident of this vicinity (her son writes) is quite feeble and her eyes are failing. Mrs. Hudson has been a subscriber to the MINER for a number of years. The MINER hopes her health will be regained and her eye sight restored. May she live to enjoy many years of happiness.

—The body of Frank Perkerell, who was drowned on March 3d last, was found in the stream below the B. R. & P. R. R. bridge, in the 6th ward, Bradford, Tuesday of this week. Mr. Razee, one of the switchmen, discovered the body lodged between two rocks. He informed Frank Thompson, a small boy, who waded out and brought the remains on shore. The body was in a good state of preservation, considering that it had been in the water forty-five days.

—The new oil well discovered last Saturday, 100 feet north of Devonian well No. 3 on the Bingham lands, widens the belt as much more. The new well will produce about 100 barrels per day. A gentleman who is there every day says it will be a better well than No. 3. Chances are that the belt is of considerable width, that the limits have not yet been reached. As the price of oil is coming up, this is the proper time to develop the new territory. Let 'er boom.

—Conductor Nichols informed us Saturday of a very interesting incident that occurred at Olean during the late snow storm. Mr. Nichols said he had some fruit trees in his yard in which there were several *sparrows picking off buds* and dropping them to others on the ground. After those on the ground got their fill they changed places with those in the trees. Who says birds cannot reason? Mr. Nichols will not have any plum pudding this year unless he buys the plums.

—W. H. Hungerford has put two new chairs and a handsome cup case in his popular tonsorial parlors. The chairs are of the latest design, all the new furniture being made of quartered oak. And, of course, as one improvement demanded another, the walls have been supplied with fine new paper and the woodwork painted to match, making it one of the prettiest shops in this section of the State. We congratulate Mr. Hungerford on his success which demands the improvements.

—Bro. Linderman, of the Bradford *Sunday News*, in speaking of a trip to the county seat says: "Democratic times are having a peculiarly bad effect in Smethport. The *News* was informed on Thursday that a rumor is afloat that the commissioners will place meters on the ink and mucilage bottles. The old-fashioned two-for-a-cent red-painted penholders are *being used now by the clerical force*, and when the cuspidors wear out the officials and clerks will be compelled to expectorate out of the windows."

—Last Monday afternoon, about 2:30 o'clock, near McCoy's corners, George Barker, his wife and child were riding up Main street when two men came along on their bicycles, *frightening the horse*, which ran away, throwing out his wife and child. At first it was thought the lady's arm was broken but such was not the case, and the child was unharmed. The horse began to kick and the man was thrown out backward over the seat and, after wrecking the buggy and getting loose, was finally caught. Take it all in all it was a mighty *close* all around.

—Last Friday every union printer in Williamsport went out on a strike and no papers were issued. The *Gazette and Bulletin* came out in a half sheet supplement. As a result of the strike 200 men from New York and 120 from Philadelphia offered themselves for the vacant positions. Out of this number the men needed were selected, and on Monday all the papers were issued as usual. Some of the men who went out on a strike returned to work, but most of them are out of a job. It does not pay to strike these times; if you have a job better stick to it. There are plenty of idle printers in the land.

—The teacher, Miss Stanton, and pupils of Keneboin school held an entertainment last week and realized the sum of six dollars for the monument fund. During the heavy storms of last week the little ones tramped every night to the school house to practice in order to be able to give a good exhibition when the *proper time* came. Too much praise cannot be given teachers and scholars who, during such storms as we had last week, persevered in their noble efforts to help the veterans. Kane Post No. 225 kindly loaned their flags for decorating the hall. We received a long communication describing the affair, but space will not permit of our printing it all.

—A recent interview with Supreme Commander Markey, of the K. O. T. M., brought out the following facts in regard to that order: "Not only was 1893, as a whole, a splendid year for the order, the net increase in the membership having been nearly 40,000, and the benefits distributed nearly $1,000,000, but that the present year is even more promising. The Supreme Tent, during the first three months of 1893, organized 117 new tents, and issued 6,305 certificates for new members, representing $9,437,000 of life and disability benefits, while for the same months this year 131 new tents were organized and 7,320 certificates were issued to new members, representing the enormous sum of $9,968,000 in life and disability benefits."

—"An Evening with Famous Characters" was the title of an interesting entertainment at the M. E. church last Saturday evening. Each character was represented by carefully prepared papers. The following is the list presented: "Bethoven," Rev. Wright; W. E. Gladstone, Miss Alice Richards; U. S. Grant, Mrs. Burlingame; Louis Agassiz, Miss Lyon; James Russel Lowell, Miss Kirkland; Oliver Wendell Holmes, Mr. Baldwin, who concluded his paper by a finely rendered recitation of "The Boys," a poem of Dr. Holmes. Miss Hibbard recited "Sheridan's Ride"; Miss Perkins read an interesting paper on the "Whims and Follies of Great Men." The choir and Miss Bertha Guyer furnished some excellent music. The next entertainment will be the "Milk Maid's Drill and Convention."

—At the spring election at Rixford Dr. J. H. Bennett was a candidate for school director. During the campaign stories were freely circulated that Dr Bennett was a copperhead during the war, a rebel officer, an enemy of the boys in blue at present and everything that was bad. We have made satisfactory search of records produced by the Dr. and find that he has been unjustly accused, and we take great pleasure in setting him right before the neighbors and the people of McKean county. The Dr. placed before us records that are beyond question as to his patriotism. Even producing the certificate of the Probate Judge of Fulton county, Ohio. The MINER takes pleasure in placing this matter before the people and hopes the Dr.'s neighbors will do all in their power to wipe out the unpleasant feeling that so much unjust accusation has created.

For the Monument.

A school entertainment was given at Duke Centre last Saturday for the benefit of the monument fund. The opera house was crowded, 527 tickets being taken in at the door, netting the sum of $20.

At Rixford the amount raised by the schools was something over $20, and Miss Walker's school at the Barse tract raised $11. The latter school is situated in a sparsely settled district, which makes it remarkable that such an amount was raised.

An entertainment for the same object was given recently by the Pigeon Run school, near Simpson, which was reported as very successful. We have not learned the amount raised.

Murder in Potter County.

A traveling man who stopped at the Dullois House for dinner this afternoon said that James McMillan, a well-known lumber jobber, was murdered during a *general fight at Cross Forks*, Potter county, early on Sunday. He is alleged to have been stabbed three times by William Kepler. The affair arose out of a dance at the Cottage Hotle. McMillan died yesterday morning and warrants are out for the arrest of Kepler and others who participated in the fight.—*DuBois Express*, April 17.

Obituary.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. J. E. Delmage, who died at Mayville, Pa., on April 17, *took place at the residence* of her daughter, Mrs Freeman, on Water street, on Thursday morning, Rev. G. W. Halliwell having charge of the services.

Mrs. Delmage was 67 years of age, and was born in Brighton, Ont. About 20 years ago she came to Ceres, N. Y. She leaves seven children to mourn her loss. Her sons are running the large saw mill at Gardeau, Pa.

That One Suit.

Mr. Blair, instead of $20,000, gets a verdict of $150 91, and with the costs added, outside of attorney fees, amounts to $253 77. It was a case of "great cry and little wool." Oil men breathe freer since the case ended. If decided as the complaint stated, it would virtually have shut down most of the wells in the oil regions.

Don't You Know

That Holmes & Gilfillan have greatly reduced prices on lumber, and are leaders for filling orders promptly; keep everything in stock—lumber, lath, shingles, flooring, sash, doors and mouldings, and are prepared to furnish anything in the building line. Give them a call.

In order to give our many friends and customers an idea of what we carry in shoes, our representative will be at the Grand Central parlors Monday, April 23, with samples of our leading styles. Come all. We do not ask you to buy, we simply wish you to see what we carry in fine shoes. BLOODSWORTH & CO.

I have received my new spring stock of carpets in the latest designs and patterns. Prices to suit the times. Most beautiful baby carriages in the market.
JOHN M. REILLY.

I am still headquarters for all kinds of roofing. The Medal Brand Wire Edge takes the lead.
14-13t C. E. SARTWELL.

I hereby offer my farm of 100 acres in Corydon township for sale, or exchange for city property in Bradford.
E. P. BUNDY.

GOING AND COMING.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

Dr. John Clark was visiting in Canada last week.

Chauncey Huff, of Kane, died jury duty this week.

Mrs. T. H. Ryan and son are visiting in Renovo.

Chet. Gallup was down from Mt. Jewett on Monday.

George O'Neil, of New York is visiting friends in town.

Wm. Blew, of Kane, visited Smethport the forepart of the week.

Judge Olmsted, of Coudersport is presiding at court this week.

Miss Bird Easterbrook, of East Bradford, is visiting friends in town.

Eugene W. King, of Kane, registered at the Grand Central on Sunday.

Chas. Lunden, the Mt. Jewett boniface, had business in town on Monday.

Mrs. Sheridan Gorton has been suffering with neuralgia for a few days.

Harry Davis and Bert Sherwood, of Eldred, were in town Wednesday.

Jno. C. McKenna, Supt. of the B., B. & K. R. R., was in town Tuesday.

Miss Kittie Cassidy, of Simpson, visited in Smethport a few days this week.

W. F. Lovejoy, of Prentiss Vale was a guest at the Wright House Tuesday.

Geo. Welker, a prominent Kane merchant, was doing jury duty this week.

Al. Leasure, the sewing machine fiend of Bradford, was in town on Saturday.

Councilman Wm. O'Connor, of Kane, had business at the county seat Monday.

H. D. Burlingame's little boy is confined to the hires, in fact he is hired up.

M. O. Carney, of Turtle Point, took in some of the court proceedings on Monday.

Mrs. Carrie Reilly, our popular milliner, paid Eldred a hurried visit on Monday.

Tom Clark, our efficient plumber, is here for a few days greeting his many friends.

H. E. Looker, of Kane, the the old buck-tail veteran, made us a call on Monday.

F. L. Brayton, one of Kane's representative business men, was in town the first of the week.

D. C. Young went to Buffalo, Rochester and other points in New York the first of the week.

C. L. Douglass, of East Bradford a former Smethport resident, attended court the first of the week.

O. W. Howard, of Sargent, called on Wednesday and left his subscription for the MINER. Thanks.

Attorneys S. W. Smith and C. W. Catlin, of Port Allegany were attending court during the week.

S. S. Steele, of Port Allegany, wants the MINER another year. He is in favor of an anti-treating law.

Mrs. N. A. Varney, Galeton, and Miss Bertha Sherwood, Shingle House, are guests of Mrs. May Bush.

S. G. Schenfield, Geo. Fisher L. J. Lilly and W. S. Lincoln, of Duke Centre, called on Comrade Wright.

Messrs. H. W. Dewey, W. T. Egbert and B. Graff, all of Bradford, were guests of the Grand Central on Sunday.

J. V. Brown, of Duke Centre, was a caller at the MINER office on Monday. Read his for sale notice elsewhere.

George D. Briggs, well known as a former business man in this locality, is shaking hands with many old friends here this week.

G. G. Nichols, of Duke Centre, dropped in on Wednesday and placed his name on our mailing list; best of all he paid in advance. Many thanks.

Samuel Barnes, of Hazelhurst, a solid Republican and a subscriber to the MINER since its first issue, called Wednesday and lightened our burdens somewhat.

S. J. Gifford sprained his ankle Tuesday morning, and he now gracefully wears a pair of crutches. Hope he will soon be able to navigate in his usual form again.

Postmaster Tracy, East Smethport, is visiting his son, T. A. Tracy, in Philipsburg. His daughter, Mrs. J. M. Lynch, has charge of the postoffice during his absence.

Hon. C. L. Wheeler, of Bradford, was in town Wednesday as a witness on the gas suit. Mr. Wheeler has been over at Coudersport where he attended the Knight Templars reception.

Nelson Holmes, of Cornplanter, was a pleasant caller Tuesday. He was pleased with the efforts being made in behalf of the monument fund, and will read his own MINER during the year.

Carlton Sprague returned Saturday after a week's visit with the milk maids of New York State, looking as happy as though he had sold the right to his celebrated milk pail for half the counties in that State.

W. F. Specht boarded the morning train Thursday for Buffalo to continue the treatment he is receiving. He informs us that he is very much improved. The MINER hopes to see him restored to his usual strength and vigor.

J. C. Russell, of Lancaster, Pa., formerly well and favorably known in this section was a guest at the Grand Central Tuesday night. His lines have fallen in pleasant places—undoubtedly born under a lucky star. Joe, may your shadow never grow less.

P. R. Cotter, Esq., of Eldred, attended court this week. Mr. Cotter has been retained by the prosecution in the Bullis murder trial, which takes place the first week in June. He has also been employed in the Taylor murder case at Ridgway the last week in May.

Among the prominent Bradfordians in town this week, we noticed Hon. A. F. Bannon, Hon. W. E. Burdick, Hon. R. B. Stone, F. J. Collins, W. J. Milliken, J. M. McClure, T. F. Mullin, G. L. Roberts and wife, G. A. Berry and wife, Eugene Mullin and wife, D. H. Jack and R. L. Edgett.

Cure For Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of headache Electric Bitters has proven to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cure by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only fifty cents at F R Foster's and A B Armstrong's drug store.

High grade and medium bicycles for sale. I can suit you in most any price and style. There is no use to go on foot when you can get a wheel as cheap as I can sell you one. Call and inspect my wheels. JOHN M. REILLY.

Farm Wanted.

Being a practical farmer I desire to rent a farm for a term of years. Address CHARLES CAMPFIELD.
Smethport, Pa.

Smethport.

We clip a few extracts in reference to our town from a correspondence to the Shenango Valley *News*:

"There are many delightful walks and drives in and around Smethport, and should anyone want a pleasant summer resort during the the hot season, here is the place to come. Smethport is also the county seat of McKean county, consequently we find the jail and court house located here. These are very fine buildings, built of brick, with stone trimmings.

"Here, too, is located a sanitarium and hospital; also an extract factory. Nothing in the line of fuel is used except natural gas.

"The Episcopal church, which stands next to the court house, is a magnificent stone structure, the gift of one man, Mr Hamlin; and *his brother proposes to give* $5,000 for the founding of a school library; so you see we have a pretty good start for a new library.

"The new school building reflects great credit upon the present board of directors. It is a handsome brick structure, with stone trimmings; is heated by the Sutsed system (which is the best for ventilation and heating), and is also lighted by gas for 'dark days.' Its furniture is of oak and is very pretty.

"The people are courteous and hospitable. The president of our school board is the county judge.

"I know that all the Greenville people will be pleased to learn that Wm. P. Eckels, son of a former resident of Greenville—Rev. John Eckels, of precious memory, and now deceased—is succeeding nicely as County Superintendent of *Schools*; also, that he is like his father, active in every good word and work."

Court Proceedings.

The court has filed an opinion in the appeal cases taken by the ten tax-payers under the guidance of Sam Smith from the auditors' report of one year ago. The motion to frame an issue is dismissed. The exceptions made by Messrs. Keenan, Stone and Mullin to the specifications filed by the appealing taxpayers are sustained, and the said specifications stricken from the record. But they are granted 20 days to file specific allegations.

James Wheaton vs. James Doyle. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for $72 06.

Charles L. Miller vs. C. C. Melvin, Ash & Walker and George C. Howe. Verdict for the defendants.

The court refused to grant a new trial in the case of Mt. Jewett Nat. Bank vs. J. J. Stone.

A charter has been granted to the First Methodist church of Mt. Jewett.

Mt. Julian Gear Co vs. Palmer & Church. Injunction and order discharged. Rule for judgment filed.

G. L. Fisher vs. J. N. Newton. Opening judgment and setting aside Fi. Fa. filed.

Appeal to Corydon township from the auditor's settlement with the supervisors. Specifications filed.

Adoption of Ettie Hilda Mooll by J. W. Mc-Master.

Eugene Egnion adopted by Daniel O'Donnell Black.

E. L. Pigott appointed auditor to distribute funds of the estate of Cyrus Dixon.

Heman Jones vs. J. A. Turner. Judgment granted for non appearance.

F. P. Brooks & Co. vs. E. A. VanScoy. Motion to amend plaintiff's grantee.

Estate of F. P. Barker, dec'sed. J. M. McClure appointed auditor to distribute funds.

National Tube Works Co. vs. Eugene McKinstine, administrator of the estate of J. S. McKinstine, deceased. Answer filed.

W. H. Winegar vs. V. Perry Carter and J. V. Brown. Verdict in favor of defendants.

Citation to guardian of minor child, adopted by Thomas Lawlor.

Use of school District of Otto township vs. Z. Wilson. Stipulation for settlement filed.

F. Wheeler vs. David Cossen. Verdict for defendant.

Ralph Stilson vs. Judithe Stilson. Verdict in favor of defendant.

Geo. Hyde bastardy case. Sheridan Gorton appointed commissioner.

Estate of L. M. Starns. Elma D. Starns appointed admin'stratrix.

In re estate of Tobie Spilton, deceased. D. H. Jack appointed auditor.

Lizzie Whipple vs. Arthur Whipple. Subpœnas in divorce awarded.

Christine E. Wright vs. Otis Wright. Subpœnas in divorce awarded.

W. H. Walker & Co. vs. George Brooks & Co. Motion for judgment granted.

Cyrus Collins, Lee vs. Geo. A. Berry. Motion for judgment in default of sufficient affidavit of defense. Rule to show cause granted returnable next argument court.

Wm. McCuncain vs. Wm. Blew. Verdict for defendant.

M. V. V. Francisco vs. P. O'Donnell, T. C. Flanigan, Geo. Corson and Anna A. O'Donnell, terre tenants. Motion for judgment for want of a sufficient affidavit of defense, returnable at next argument court, granted.

Hyman Jones vs. N. Rubin. Rule to open judgment discharged.

Bond of W. H. Heaton as tax collector of Foster township, approved.

T. E. Fahlman admitted to citizenship.

E. N. Holmes appointed assistant assessor of district No. 1, Corydon township.

Thomas C. Ford vs. Arthur Phillips. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for $130.37.

Cyrus and Neal Johnson vs. E. W., C. F. and J. J. Bissell and J. J. McCarty. Rule to show cause why papers on file, purporting to be a settlement, should not be stricken from the record, returnable May argument court.

Estate of Mabel Jennie Cecelia Anderson, minor child of Martin Anderson, deceased. Motion to amend petition and decree granted and amendment allowed.

Petition for view of road in Smethport borough. Robert King, surveyor, Henry Hamlin and C. A. Bucker, viewers.

Fred G. Wilber vs. Mary L. Wilber. Subpœnas in divorce awarded.

J. L. Morris appointed tax collector of Bradford township.

Deed of Loyal Ward, trustee, to Ida Pike acknowledged in open court.

Bovard & Seyfang vs. C. L. Douglass. Rule to show cause why a new trial should not be granted discharged.

Arthur Brown vs. Frank Fralick. Judgment of $200 opened without terms and defendant is let into a defense.

Ralph Stilson vs. Judithe Stilson. Motion on part of plaintiff's attorney that the order of court of May 1894 allowing to defendant permanent alimony to defendant pendente lite be vacated. Rule to show cause granted, returnable forthwith.

Estate of E. D. Walker, deceased. D. Walker, assignee, vs. J. J. Carter. Motion on part of counsel for defendant to proceed with trial on the two issues contained in plaintiffs' declaration overruled.

CASES CONTINUED.

M. J. O'Donnell and Mrs. Anna O'Donnell vs. E. N. Mayo & Co.

Third National Bank of Bradford and the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Buffalo vs. Mrs. J. Frank Tyler.

Mary Griswold vs Atlanta Griswold.

C. L. Douglass vs. A. J. Adgett, J. A. Waldo and Alexander Watson.

F. E. Brooks & Co. vs. E. A. VanScoy.

George Kennedy vs. William H. Hailey.

Pennsylvania Lumber Storage Co. vs. David Bovaird and J. L. Seyfang.

CASES SETTLED.

J. C. Godley vs. Emery Gallup.
Henry Reeves vs. Maggie Ellis.
The case of John Gregory vs E. N. Mayo was stricken from the list.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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Sailed the Seas 38 Years.

Capt. A. P. Loud is a prominent resident of Hampden, Me. For 38 years he sailed the seas and upon retiring from that calling, was appointed by the U. S. government to superintend its interests in the Alaska seal fisheries, a position he held five years. In speaking of his experience, he says: "For several years I was greatly troubled with nervousness, and a pain in the region of my heart. It was almost impossible for me to get rest and sleep. Physicians from New York to San Francisco did me no good, but Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and New Heart Cure speedily and completely cured me. I owe my present and excellent health to them.

To Those About to Build.

All persons about to build should call on or write to H. A. Button, architect and builder, Coudersport, Pa. Plans and specifications made on short notice. The best of references given.

When you are troubled with dizziness, your appetite all gone, and you feel bad generally, take a few doses of Dr. Henry Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, and you will be surprised at the improvement in your feelings. Every bottle warranted to give satisfaction.

The Cross gardens and green houses in Bradford are for rent. These gardens are in excellent shape for raising vegetables for city market. The green houses are *as near perfection as can be.*
n16-tf H. F. BUNDY.

For Sale or Exchange,

A good Brunswick & Balke billiard table.
J. V. BROWN.
Duke Centre, Pa.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

KANE.

On Monday morning, while Abram Stiner was cleaning the belt at Auerstein's saw mill, on the Highland road, his left arm came in contact with a lath saw, cutting the arteries, muscles and tendons, near the wrist, almost severing the arm. Dr. M. J. Sweeney put twenty-three stitches in the wound. The young man came to Kane Tuesday and was feeling comfortable. He was to have been married in a few days to a daughter of Lon. Fields, and informed the scribe that the wedding would be postponed for several weeks.

Dr. Thomas L. Kane and attorney A. F. Huey left on Wednesday for Pittsburg, to close the contract with the projectors of the flint glass plant to be built here, a telegram having been received here on Monday stating that all the details had been arranged, and that parties were awaiting the arrival of the above named gentlemen, who represent the stockholders here.

The sum of five dollars and twenty cents was raised at an entertainment given by the school, at Wetmore, for the monument fund, last Friday evening. An address was delivered by C. C. Smith, and selections given by the school children. The teacher, Miss M. E. Brunse, of Bradford, deserves much credit for the efficiency of her scholars.

James McDade has the plans and specifications about ready for the large building to be erected east of the Thomson House, for the Chautauqua Roller Desk Factory.

The Woodside Cottage Sanitarium is undergoing a complete renovation this week. Quite a number of patients are awaiting admission as soon as it is in readiness.

Geo. W. Campbell & Sons broke ground on Monday, for their bowl and veneer factory in the northern part of the borough.

Fred, son of J. B. English, the dairyman, died at the home of his father, last Friday evening, of fever.

FARMERS' VALLEY.

At a meeting of the W. C. T. U. held on Wednesday, Mrs. L. M. Martin and Mrs. A. M. Frisbee were elected delegates to the County Convention, to be held at Kane, on Thursday and Friday of this week.

The many friends of H. A. Young, who has been confined at his home for the past two weeks, are pleased to see him out again.

P. Connolly, of Kew City, has located another well, on the farm of Mr. Beers, and is to commence operations at once.

Some of the young people attended the sugar party at Coryville, Saturday evening.

Nate Taylor, of Turtle, has moved to this place for the summer.

Mrs. Lenora Martin went to Eldred the forepart of the week.

Henry Bisbee, of East Valley, is very sick, at this writing.

Oil and house cleaning are the topics of the day.

Clarion Normal School.

Two weeks of the spring term, at the Clarion Normal, have quickly passed. Already the enrollment for the term exceeds four hundred and seventy five.

Tuesday, April 10th, the corner stone of the new Model school was laid; also the seventh anniversary of the opening of the school was celebrated. At 1 o'clock, p. m. a special train arrived bearing Gov. Robert E. Pattison, Supt. N. C. Schaeffer, Hon. Henry Houck, President J. D. Moffatt, and other distinguished guests. The exercises of the afternoon and evening were very interesting. The address by Gov. Pattison was followed by a very appropriate oration by Adamp Blake Vera, one of McKean's fine young men.

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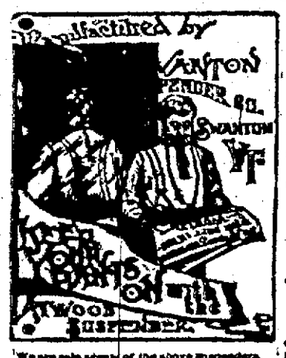

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There is many a sweet romance cherished by the visitor to New York that is never dreamed of by the prosaic, everyday people of business. Much of this romance is necessarily connected with the hotels. In these old hotels every room is interwoven with the history of hundreds of persons, and every time one of these persons is in the city the interest is revived in the past. One day a friend led me down Broadway on some pretext or another, and we finally passed before the old New York hotel.

"I stopped there on my wedding trip," he finally blurted out. "My wife wished it. Her mother had stopped there in her time and on her wedding trip. My wife was anxious to occupy the same room that her mother had. We had been married that day, and this was our first hotel, just as it had been in her mother's case, and my little one's mind was surcharged with the romance of the thing. But, like all young married folks, we had a horror of being conspicuous and at the first didn't like to say anything about it to the clerks. At last, however, I mustered courage enough to look over the register just to ascertain whether the room—we knew the number, floor and everything, as my bride had figured it all up in her own mind—was really occupied. We thought we might get into it on some excuse or another. I merely desired to gratify her. But I couldn't find the number at all. You can't fool a hotel clerk very easily on such things, and in a little time he had the whole thing out of me.

"'Confoundedly sorry, sir,' said he, 'but that particular room is occupied by a regular boarder and one of the crossest old bachelors I ever knew too.'

"That settled it. So I went up stairs and told my wife about it. There was no help for it. Our room was good enough, but she thought it would be so nice if we could have the same one her mother and father had. There was no time to think much about it, for a few friends came in to see us, and we were dragged off to a box party that evening. When we came in, however, the room clerk called me into the private office and handed me a key to the cherished room.

"'I happened to mention the matter to Mr. ——,' said he, 'not with any idea of his giving it up, of course, but as a curious circumstance, when, to my surprise, he told me to tender the use of his room to you at once. He was going away tonight anyhow, he said, for a week and you could have the room for a week, and longer if you wanted it. So there you are. Nu, he's gone. You're to take possession just as it is.'

"Well, when I told my wife, she was so excited and pleased that she cried a little, and when we found ourselves the occupants of a beautifully fitted up and decorated room—a room that looked as if somebody of taste and culture lived in it, the room she wanted because in it years ago her mother staid a young bride, as she was—well, old man, you couldn't blame me much for participating somewhat in the romance."—New York Herald.

The Passing of Italics.

After an existence of much utility of about 400 years it is noticed that italic is declining measurably in the favor of printers, particularly on newspaper work. It is occasionally seen, however, in important editorials. This lack of favor has, it would seem, become more marked since typesetting machines have come so largely into use on the daily newspapers.

The increased output from the machines has a strong tendency to do away with the use of italic, every effort being directed to the simplification of their product. Thus it has been considered good enough to put the names of newspapers and other titles in roman on newspapers, the composition for which plaint has been uttered, and if there has been any comment it has been too weak to make itself heard. The public does not care anything about the matter. All that is wanted is a readable paper. When machines are turning out thousands of ems per hour in the usual rush to get a paper to press, there is no time to be frittered away in going to an italic case situated perhaps at the other end of the composing room. The face stands as much chance of being used as there is of reverting to the custom of correcting in the form.—Bookmaker.

Florida's Lakes.

Florida is one of the greatest of lake states, if the number of its lakes and lakelets entitle it to be so classed. It has a half score of considerable lakes, including Okeechobee, with more than 600 square miles and many scores of small lakes and ponds scattered over an area 40 or 50 miles wide and several hundred miles long.—Chicago Herald.

Pickwick Revived.

In a coroner's court in London recently the following conversation, which reads as if taken directly from Dickens, occurred:

"What's your name, sir?" inquired the judge.

"Sam Weller, my lord," replied that gentleman.

"Do you spell it with a V or a W?" inquired the judge.

"That depends upon the taste and fancy of the speller, my lord," replied Sam. "I never had occasion to spell it more than once or twice in my life, but I spells it with a V."

Here a voice in the gallery exclaimed aloud: "Quite right, too, Samivel. Put it down a we, my lord, put it down a we."—New York Press.

Dressing For a Picture.

In dressing to have one's photograph taken it may be useful to know that dark brown, dark green, garnet and plain, dead finish black will take a deep drab. Glossy silks of the same colors will take much brighter. Golden brown, dark gray, scarlet, cherry, orange, crimson and slate will also be reproduced as dark, rich drab. All the shades of blue and pink will take very light and should be avoided.—New York News.

The Wonderful Congo.

The Congo is the most wonderful waterway in the world. It is 25 miles across in parts, so that vessels may pass one another and yet be out of sight. It has twice the extent of the navigable waters of the Mississippi and its tributaries and three times its population.—Philadelphia Press.

In 1300 the girdle makers' trade was an important industry in every part of Europe. Girdles were the fashion for ladies of rank, whose position was shown by the girdle. This article was of leather adorned with gold or precious stones and was often 12 inches wide.

The Red sea is supposed by some to have derived its name from the large quantities of red coral and pink colored fuci which it yields, but the name is with more probability derived from the ancient Idumæa, "sea of Edom," Edom signifying red.

The age of whales is ascertained by the size and number of laminæ of the whalebone, which increase yearly. Ages of 200 and 300 years have been assigned to whales from these indications.

In China the name Chang is pronounced "Jong," with the long sound on the "o." This may account for the nickname "John" as applied to Chinamen.

Many a coffin is covered with roses by hands that never before gave its occupant anything but thorns.

CHINESE LANGUAGE.

SOME OF THE CURIOSITIES OF THE "EAR SPLITTING JARGON."

Musicians Say It Has an Affinity With the Notes of Birds—No Alphabet and No Parts of Speech—Some Amusing Examples of Chinese Talk.

The superficial observer often refers to the Chinese spoken speech as an "ear splitting jargon" and to the written speech as "hieroglyphics." Frequent visitors to any "Chinese quarter," notably a large "Chinatown" like that of Los Angeles, will soon become so familiar with this so called jargon as to note that it is far more musical than the English speech. Musicians are authority for the statement that the Chinese language has more affinity (when spoken) with the notes of birds than with the tones of any other language. This is perhaps because the Chinese, having no alphabet, must have many tone combinations to give the various expressions and meanings to the thousands of characters.

Having no alphabet, the Chinese language has more symbols than all of the alphabets in the universe combined, and there are more tone combinations for the expression of those symbols than in all other tongues. Each tone is attached to a character, and one character is made to mean several different things, according to the tone used. In Chinese the tone gives the meaning. A word spoken with a falling inflection means one thing, and quite another when spoken with a rising inflection. We often hear a Chinaman, as he walks along the street talking with his companion, utter a word in a falling inflection which sounds like o-go. This means "I." He is talking of himself—perhaps saying how great he thinks himself to be. But if he draws out the sound long and even he is calling some hoodlum a "goose." He gives the falling inflection to the first syllable, and the rising inflection to the last, and in a rather musical voice. This would be a difficult feat for an American.

No matter in what mood he may be, he may not and perhaps cannot change the accent. The voice may be louder or in a minor key, but the tones are as inflexible as written words and must be so used or the exact meaning is lost. All the expressions of human passions—laughter or sorrow—must be expressed by the same inflexible words and precise accents. There are only five tones in the Chinese voice, but as every word has all of its syllables accented there are 25 permutations, and these are almost always in constant use, even in ordinary conversation. A question may be asked with or without a rising inflection, according to the word used.

Chinese adjectives are nouns. For "many thanks" it is "thank thank." A "great man" is "greatness man." Sometimes a noun is formed of a noun and a verb, as "barber," whom they call "shave head teacher." The verbs have neither moods nor tenses, and when your laundryman wishes to tell you that "I have washed" he says, "I pass over wash." Their adverbs are mostly formed by joining together nouns and verbs, as "finish day" for "yesterday." To cook is to "eat rice." Every noun is plural and includes all there is of that article, unless its limited by the expression "one piece," as "one piece house." Instead of "wife and children" they express "family and wife."

The word woman means "father man." If repeated, it signifies "scolding." The noun always remains in the same shape, and the verb has but one form instead of the many known to the English language. The Chinese language has no declensions, subjugations, moods, tenses, prepositions, conjunctions, adverbs, first, second and third persons, no singular and plural, and no gender except by the addition of a few participles in rare instances. It is evidently simple and easy to learn, one of the simplest and most curious things about it being, as above stated, that every noun, unless qualified otherwise, is plural.

There are about 60,000 characters used in the Chinese language proper, but the average Chinaman no more learns all of those characters than the everyday American learns the 100,000 words in the English language. The Chinaman, however, learns as the average more than does an American in a similar position in life. A Chinaman who can neither read nor write is a rarity. Chinese is not a monosyllabic language, as many suppose, and it is impossible to utter in Chinese any but the shortest sentences in monosyllables.

In writing the Chinaman makes one complicated but integral character for each word, but that word may be properly spoken in two, three or four syllables. His syllables are divided by no longer intervals than are his words, and that is what makes his language sound to a foreigner like a singsong jargon. We do not know whether he is telling a story or attempting a song. The Chinese perhaps think the same thing of an American, who bites off his words and swallows them or telescopes one into another.

Business men in this city thrown in contact with Chinese merchants who speak pure Chinese say that it is not difficult to learn. Instead of 26 letters, not including the useless &, the Chinese have 500 or 600 syllables, and these are combined into various forms to make the 60,000 words in their "dictionary." These syllables vary in meaning according to the tone in which they are spoken or the strokes used in writing them.—Los Angeles Cor. New York Post.

Starvation Among the Rich.

Death by starvation is a thing not restricted to periods of business depression, nor to the poor. Perhaps there are more ill nourished people in proportion among the rich than among the poor. The number of persons that seek relief from threatened starvation in the exclusive milk diet is constantly on the increase, but it is a remedy almost of necessity confined to those who have sufficient control over their own doings to take a meal every hour and a half, a thing hardly consistent with earning a living at manual labor.—Philadelphia Press.

Atmospheric Expansions.

Some interesting observations of a cosmical nature are announced as having been made by M. Frye, the well known hydrographical engineer, who after years of patient study has calculated the atmospheric expansions and depressions which coincide with spring and neap tides. He declares there have been cases in which air was moved in waves 133 yards high, and in places where the barometrical pressure was seven-tenths of an inch, or 6½ miles, near the upper surface of the earth's atmosphere, condensations and dilations of this magnitude being frequent, the incandescent and fluid matter under the earth's crust is found to act in concert with the air and sea at the full of the moon. This conclusion is based upon the data of observations made simultaneously at different and widely distant geographical points, the fact being established that the earth rises and falls like the ocean and the atmosphere.—New York Sun.

Victoria's Sharpshread.

There is an old woman up at Perth, in Scotland, who communicates with Queen Victoria every day in the year. Her majesty is fond of most things Scotch, among others shortbread. Now, for some reason or other shortbread cannot be made in England as it should be. But a few years ago her majesty discovered at Perth an old woman who could make it as no one else, even in Scotland, could make it, since which time the saxo aged dame has every day baked with her own hands a cake of shortbread, packed it herself and dispatched it to the queen.—Philadelphia Ledger.

NEWSPAPER FARMING.

Come, all ye lowly farmers,
Come, all ye prancer folk,
Who in the cultivation
Of wheat have gone dead broke;
Since in the rural precincts
You cannot find your luck,
Come here and learn the secret
Of making garden truck.

High up above the pygmies
Who rush along the street
There toils a gifted worker
Upon a morning sheet,
All night he looks at copy,
All night he handles news;
All day he sweats his thinker
And much of wisdom brews.

He grieves to think that farmers
Should play a losing hand
At plowing up the bosom
Of unresponsive land,
And in his grief he mutters,
"With crops diversified
The farmer would be in it,
With fortune for his bride."

So come, ye lowly plowmen,
Who thirst for something good,
And learn the golden secret,
For be is understood
That here we have a writer
Who deftly does the trick
Of making country butter
By the paragraph or stick.

—St. Paul News

A SILK WORM'S THREAD.

The Wonderful Creation of a Still More Wonderful Insect.

Silk! What a marvelous product it is, and what a marvelous trade has sprung out of it! One of the astonishing facts in the history of the human race is the way in which great results are attained for it out of little causes. It is conceivable that the food of man might have been derived from some of the largest fruits or nuts or roots which grow upon the earth. The bulk of the bread of mankind—"the staff of life" is, however, drawn, as all know, not from the heavy bread fruit or big tubers, but from the comparatively minute grains of wheat, barley and rye, millet and rice. In like manner the larger portion of the garments of human beings is obtained from the short wool on the backs of sheep and goats or from the small pod of the cotton plant, which hides its seeds in a ball of white fluff from which we spin the cotton. Silk is an especially notable instance of the way in which our race makes much out of little for its needs.

Here is an insignificant worm which feeds upon the glutinous leaves of the mulberry and gradually fills itself with a sticky compound which has for its direct purpose to compose the cocoon. When the time comes for the worm to undergo that strange metamorphosis into the chrysalis, it ceases to eat and slowly weaves round itself a casing composed entirely of one long thread. Its spinning finished, the attenuated creature takes the intermediate form preparatory to its winged state as a moth, nor is anything in nature more full of creative mystery and design. What the worm does for its own lonely ends man undoes for objects of beauty, fashion and comfort. The silk grower patiently unwinds the lustrous thread from the point where the silkworm began to that where its filmy house was finished, and from this tiny plander springs the whole vast edifice of the silk industry. To the small pale worm beauty owes her most lovely and glittering raiment, nor has art anything more exquisite to fashion, to embroider, to bestow in splendid folds or to imitate in painting than the soft shining web which is made from the poor worm's patient labor.

Extraordinary is the difference between the minute cocoon and the great bale of Lyons or china satin—the unconscious toil of the caterpillar and the looms that in a thousand factories and workshops interlace the thin fiber into such superb and dazzling patterns. Nothing can imitate, nothing excel the charm of that fine microscopic tissue drawn out of the worm's magic from the mulberry leaf. It possesses a natural glitter which is shared by nothing else in the world and which makes it resemble under the microscope waving wires of gold. Manufactured into cloth, it gives us a substance at once light and warm, durable and freely taking all sorts of dyes, each creature contributing in his cocoon about 1,000 feet of the thin thread. The west know nothing of silk at all before the reign of Augustus, though the Chinese had woven it ever since 2700 B. C. Some Persian monks first brought eggs of the silkworm in a hollow cane to Constantinople, A. D. 552. The Emperor Justinian took the business up, and so it spread to Italy, Spain and southern France, although China was still the chief source of supply.—London Telegraph.

Keep Plant Leaves Clean.

One of the difficulties in the cultivation of plants in a sitting room is that the dry air and dust tend to clog the pores of the leaves. Deprived of the rain which would naturally cleanse them and not often watered with a rose-pot or syringe, the plants kept in a room are apt gradually to lose their health and look miserable, if they do not altogether die. The best remedy for this is the regular use of a small piece of soft old sponge with slightly warm water, and if a little soft soap is added all the better. Especially is this necessary in the winter when dust is rife, and as "blight" is then at its weakest point a thorough cleansing during the cold months will result in freedom from it during the summer. Practice and delicate handling are needed for success. Some plants are much easier to sponge than others. Among these may be mentioned the India rubber plant, and also small specimens of palms, both of which need frequent washings when grown in a room. Orange trees and many other plants exude a kind of sticky essential oil, which catches the dust. They therefore require special attention. Aspidistras and many other plants need sponging often to keep them in health—in fact, all plants with evergreen foliage and others which will bear it are strengthened and improved by the free use of the sponge.—Cleveland Leader.

Loving.

We learn to love by loving. It grows by practice. Like everything else, it gathers strength through exercise. The more we keep at it the easier and more natural it becomes. We can form the habit of looking at people with love, thinking about them with love, speaking of them in love and acting toward them lovingly. Our deeds will react upon our thoughts, and our thoughts and feelings will prompt to action. So we may become steeped in love. It will radiate from us as the light from the lamps. We shall be charged with it as the battery is with electricity, and power will go out from us. So instead of crying idly, "Oh, for more love!" let us lay more stress upon the practice. If we continually use what we have, it will increase.—New York Ledger.

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Americans and English Systems and the Chances In Holding Hands.

There are two recognized systems, the English and the American. In English whist the game is five points and honors—ace, king, queen and knave of the trump suit—are counted. In American whist the game is still five points, but honors are not counted. The old English game—long whist—consisted of 10 points, with honors counted. American whist is not the same as American leads. These leads can be played by individual players, whatever the game may be.

Richard A. Proctor has written a good book on "How to Play Whist." He has also contributed articles to various magazines on the subject of chances in card games. He calculated that there are no less than 635,013,559,600 ways of making a whist hand, and that there is only one chance in 158,753,389,900—and then, of course, the dealer's trumps must be taken—of holding 13 trumps. Out of 1,567,638,599 hands dealt 842,132,219 hands will contain four cards of two suits, three cards of one and two cards of one suit. There are 98,534,070,072 ways of making a hand that shall contain one five card suit, two three card suits and one two card suit and 83,000,000,000 ways of making a hand containing five cards of one suit, four of another, three of a third and two of a fourth. Fourth in the order of frequency comes the hand containing one five card suit, one four card suit and two two card suits. There are 67,182,336,640 ways of making this hand.

"Only fifth in order of frequency," says Proctor, "comes the hand which many suppose the most frequent, that of greatest uniformity of distribution," one four card suit and three three card suits. There are 66,905,856,160 ways of making this hand. The sixth hand, in point of frequency, is that which contains six cards of one suit, three of another and two cards from each of two suits. Speaking of whist chances, Mr. Proctor discusses the "Yarborough hand," which contains no card over a nine. It was so called because Lord Yarborough used to wager £1,000 to £1 that a hand of the sort would not be dealt. The chance that such a hand will be dealt is one in 1828 chances, so that his lordship's bet was pretty safe.—Baltimore American.

Only a Printer.

"He is only a printer." Such was the sneering remark of a leader in a circle of aristocracy—the codfish quality. Who was the Earl of Stanhope? He was only a printer. What were Prince Edward William and Prince Napoleon? Proud to call themselves printers. The present czar of Russia, the crown prince of Prussia and the Duke of Battenburg are printers, and the emperor of China works in a private printing office almost every day.

William Caxton, the father of English literature, was a practical printer. What were G. P. Morris, N. P. Willis, James Gale, Charles Richardson, James Parker, Horace Greeley, Charles Dickens, James Buchanan, Simon Cameron and Schuyler Colfax? Printers, all, and practical ones.

Mark Twain, Amos Cummings, Bret Harte and Opie Reid are plain, practical printers, as were Artemus Ward, Petroleum V. Nasby and Sut Lovingood. Senator Plumb was a printer, and so is James S. Hogg of Texas, and the leader of science and philosophy in his day made it his boast that he was a printer.

In fact, thousands of the most brilliant minds in this country are to be found toiling in the publishing houses of large cities and towns. It is not every one that can be a printer—brains are absolutely necessary.—Century.

Forced to Confess.

A curious point in Swedish criminal law is that confession is necessary before a capital sentence can be carried out. If, however, the culprit persists in protesting his innocence in the face of overpowering evidence, the prison discipline is made extremely strict and severe until the desired confession is obtained.—Popular Magazine.

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"Where are those starry woods? Oh, might I wander there
Among the flowers which in that heavenly air
Bloom the year long."

"Nay, barren are those mountains and spent the streams,
Our song is the voice of desire that haunts our dreams—
A three of the heart
Whose pining visions dim, forbidden hopes profound,
No dying cadence nor long sigh can sound
For all our art.

"Alone aloud in the raptured ear of men
We pour our dark nocturnal secret, and then,
As night is withdrawn
From those sweet springing meads and bursting boughs of May,
Dream while the innumerable choir of day
Welcomes the dawn."

—Robert Bridges.

Measuring Hardness.

For determining the hardness or friability of certain substances M. Rosiwal has described to the Vienna academy a new method devised by him which is characterized by entire simplicity. The measurements consist in comparing the losses of weight sustained by the bodies under investigation by scratching them with a given weight of polishing material mounted on a metallic or glass base until the substance loses its efficiency, the polishing appliances comprising dolomitic sand, emery and pure corundum. The diamond is assigned the place in the scale of hardness by comparing its effectiveness as a polishing agent with that of corundum, proving 140 times as hard as the latter, and to these succeed topaz, 194; quartz, 175; ndularis, 59.2; apatite, 8.0; flourspar, 6.4; calcite, 5.0; rock salt, 2.0, and talc, 0.04.—New York Sun.

That Boy Again.

"It makes me tired," said Mr. Figgs, "to see the style the Henderbys put on, when every one knows that they are as poor as—as poor as"——

"Plaster," interrupted Tommy.

"Yes, as poor as plaster, poor as plaster—porous plaster. If you don't send that impudent kid to bed in five minutes, I'll lick him till he can't see."

Then Mr. Figgs put his hat on well down over his eyes, and not heeding his wife's advice to wear his overshoes went down town.—Indianapolis Journal.

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